

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1812-N-150-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF ICARE MOVING, LLC TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER, OVER IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN FARMINGTON

DECISION

MARCH 15, 2019

#### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on December 12, 2018, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1812-N-150-HG, ICare Moving, LLC (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 50 Main Street, Suite 101-C, Farmington, Connecticut 06032 seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Farmington.

#### B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held at the administrative office of the Department, in Newington, Connecticut, on March 14, 2019.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390. Notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

The matter was heard by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17.

#### C. Appearances

Courtney Dunlap appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 50 Main Street, Suite 101-C, Farmington, Connecticut 06032.

#### II. FINDING OF FACT

- 1. The applicant is seeking to operate a household moving service from a headquarters in Farmington.
- 2. The applicant will receive all of their moving referrals from Inspirational Care, a non-profit that provides in home services to the elderly and disabled. The State of Connecticut will pay for the moving services.
- 3. The applicant will have the following expenses in the first six months of operation: rent of \$1,080, insurance of \$1,066 maintenance of \$200, cell phone of \$750 and property tax of \$23.
  - 4. The applicant has \$3,595 in a bank account.

- 5. The applicant will be operating a 1996 Ford F150 pick-up truck, which is owned outright. The applicant will be purchasing a box truck in the future.
- 6. Mr. Dunlap is an Educational Administrator at the New Haven Adult Education Center. He has a doctorate in education and a masters degree in counseling.
- 7. The moving business will be administered by Mr. Dunlap with his nephew and the nephew's friend performing the actual moves.
  - 8. This application was not opposed.

#### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no person shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which the authority is requested, the criminal history of the applicant, the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The first criterion to be taken into account is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting the certificate. This application was not opposed by any existing motor carrier so it appears that there would not be any effect on the existing motor carrier facilities if this application were granted.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's first six months of start-up costs includes rent of \$1,080, insurance of \$1,066 maintenance of \$200, cell phone bills of \$750 and property tax of \$23 for a total cost of \$3,119. The applicant has \$3,595 in a bank account, which is sufficient to cover these initial costs.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for its only member Courtney Dunlap that shows no record. Mr. Dunlap is a highly educated professional who already runs a home health care company, Inspirational Care. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Another consideration is the applicant's ability to efficiently perform the service for

which the authority is requested, the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways. The applicant plans to operate one pickup truck to perform this service, which will have little effect on the public or highways.

Based upon the evidence presented, the applicant has proven all of the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of ICare Moving, LLC is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1798 is issued as follows:

# CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1798 TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

ICare Moving, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in Farmington.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the certificate holder's facilities at uniform rate for all similar service.

#### **CONDITIONS:**

A motor vehicle must be registered and insured under this certificate within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision. Failure to do so may result in a revocation of authority.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to revoke said certificate.

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder thereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such rules regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 15th day of March.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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