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DOCKET NO. 2011-N-61-L

RE: APPLICATION OF QUIET CORNER TRANSPORT, LLC TO OPERATE  
THREE (3) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING  
CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A  
HEADQUARTERS IN BROOKLYN.

DECISION

JANUARY 21, 2021

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on November 16, 2020, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Quiet Corner Transport, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 5 Sunset Drive Ext., Brooklyn, Connecticut 06234 seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Brooklyn.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on January 7, 2021.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

### C. APPEARANCES

Paula and Jim Eccleston appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's address is 5 Sunset Drive Ext., Brooklyn, Connecticut 06234.

Nick Sejeran, Rideshare Operations Manager for Veyo, appeared on behalf of the applicant.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Brooklyn.

2. The applicant will operate a 2009 Toyota Rav4, a 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan wheelchair accessible van and a 2014 Subaru Forester. Both the Toyota and Dodge have been paid for.

3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$1,944,

insurance costs of \$3,956, maintenance costs of \$1,200, communication costs of \$510, advertising costs of \$24 and property tax of \$298.

4. The applicant has \$8,510 in a business bank account.
5. Paula Eccleston will be doing business administration while Jim Eccleston and their son will be acting as drivers.
6. Jim Eccleston and his son, Josh, have been driving for Veyo for at least a year. Neither Mr. Eccleston nor his son have public service licenses but are in the application process.
7. Paula Eccleston will continue to work in product development while her husband is retired from working in various non-profits. He will devote his full attention to the business.
8. The applicant plans to focus on doing Veyo transportation in Windham county, work for nursing homes and provide veteran transportation.
9. Veyo anticipates giving the applicant 50 trips per day.
10. This application is not opposed by any livery operator.

### III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for the three members Paula, Jimmy and Josh Eccleston, which disclosed no criminal records. Jim and Josh have been driving for Veyo as independent contractors. Nick Sejeran from Veyo testified that as independent contractors these drivers are not required to have public service licenses. As livery drivers, however, they are required to have public service licenses. Both Jimmy and Josh

Eccleston are in the process of getting public service licenses. Mr. Eccleston has extensive experience working for non-profits including some prior transportation work. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$1,944, insurance of \$3,956, maintenance of \$1,200, communication costs of \$510, advertising costs of \$24 and property tax of \$298 for a total expense of \$7,932. The applicant has \$8,510 in a bank account which will cover these expenses, so it is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, Nick Sejeran supported the application. Mr. Sejeran is a Rideshare Operations Manager with Veyo. Veyo is interested in using all three of the applicant's vehicles including the wheelchair accessible van in Windham county. Veyo anticipates giving the applicant approximately 50 trips per day.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Quiet Corner Transport, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3701 is hereby issued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3701**

Quiet Corner Transport, LLC is authorized to operate three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Brooklyn.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register and insure the three (3) general livery vehicles granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of this authority.**

The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.


This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all

pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 21st day of January 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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