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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2108-AV-73-L

RE: APPLICATION OF QUIET CORNER TRANSPORT LLC DBA QC
TRANSPORT TO OPERATE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL MOTOR
VEHICLE IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH A SEATING
CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A
HEADQUARTERS IN BROOKLYN.

DECISION

DECEMBER 6, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on August 25, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Quiet Corner Transport LLC dba QC Transport (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 5 Sunset Drive Ext., Brooklyn, Connecticut 06234 seeks authorization to operate one (1) additional motor vehicle, 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 November 23, 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.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant currently operates three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Brooklyn. The applicant seeks to add one (1) additional wheelchair accessible vehicle.
2. The applicant first received livery authority in January 2021.
3. The applicant will operate a 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan wheelchair accessible van.
4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$3,179, maintenance costs of \$750, Verizon application cost of \$180 and property tax of \$36.

5. The applicant has \$40,822 in a business bank account.
6. The Eccleston's have two sons, Joshua and Shane, helping them in the livery business.
7. The applicant is working with schools, nursing homes and transportation broker Veyo.
8. Putnam Taxi closed its business thereby creating additional need for the applicant to expand its business.
9. The applicant plans to continue doing work for Veyo, work for nursing homes and voucher transportation.
10. The applicant is rejecting an average of twenty (20) livery trips a week.
11. It takes longer to perform a wheelchair van trip than a sedan trips because of the time needed to load and unload a passenger thereby allowing fewer wheelchair van trips in a day.
12. Each of the applicant's drivers have public service licenses.
13. 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 four members of the company Paula, Jimmy, Shane and Joshua Eccleston, which disclosed no criminal records. The applicant has been operating successfully for nearly a year. 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 insurance costs of \$3,179, maintenance costs of \$750, Verizon application costs of \$180 and property tax of \$36 for a total expense of \$4,145. The applicant has \$40,822 in a bank account which will cover these expenses, so it is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has entered various contracts to provide transportation and continues to perform work for Veyo. Putnam Taxi has ceased operating thereby creating additional work for the applicant. There is a need for additional wheelchair vehicles which are by and are by their nature providing fewer livery trips causing the applicant to turn down livery requests.

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 dba QC Transport is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3701 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3701

Quiet Corner Transport LLC dba QC Transport is authorized to operate four (4) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Brooklyn.

Quiet Corner Transport LLC dba QC Transport is permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of Certificate Number MC-1252202.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) general livery vehicle 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 6th day of December 2021.

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