

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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## **DOCKET NO. 2208-N-79-L**

RE: APPLICATION OF JRGO SOLUTIONS LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1)
MOTOR VEICLE IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH A SEATING
CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A
HEADQUARTERS IN STAMFORD

**DECISION** 

**OCTOBER 4, 2022** 

## I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on August 16, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, JRGO Solutions LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 66 Merrell Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut 06902 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Hartford.

#### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on September 28, 2022.

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

Alcibiades De La Cruz and his wife Randel Pichardo appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 66 Merrell Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.
  - 2. The applicant will operate a 2022 Chevy Suburban which will be financed.
- 3. The applicant has been driving in livery service for several years in New York and also driving for UBER.
  - 4. The applicant has been operating in interstate livery service since August 24, 2022.
  - 5. The first six months of the applicant's expenses includes insurance costs of \$3,997,

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- 6. The applicant has \$14,424 in a bank account in the name of the company.
- 7. The applicant will be operating out of his residence.
- 8. The applicant is getting requests for local livery transportation from his existing customers.
  - 9. The applicant's wife will be the dispatcher while he will be driving the vehicle.
- 10. The applicant will be working with affiliated businesses to get customers. To market the business the applicant will be doing mailings.
  - 11. This application was not opposed.

#### 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 Alcibiades De La Cruz which disclosed no criminal record. The applicant is already operating an interstate livery service and has several years of previous livery experience. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed intrastate livery business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$3,997, vehicle financing of \$7,938, maintenance costs of \$150, property tax of \$734 and communication costs of \$120 for a total expense of \$12,939. The applicant has \$14,424 in a bank account to cover these startup

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On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has a plan to market the business through advertising and networking with affiliated businesses. The applicant is already operating in interstate livery service and his clients have been asking him to transport them locally. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery transportation.

## IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of JRGO Solutions LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3756 is hereby reissued as follows:

## LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3756

JRGO Solutions LLC is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Stamford.

JRGO Solutions LLC 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-01454273.

## **RESTRICTIONS:**

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) vehicle granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the general livery 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

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Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 4th day of October 2022.

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