

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2209-N-90-L

RE: APPLICATION OF QUIET CORNER TRANSPORT, LLC DBA QC TRANSPORT TO OPERATE TWO (2) ADDITIONAL VEHICLES IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BROOKLYN.

DECISION

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on September 27, 2022, 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 two (2) additional motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, 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 October 25, 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

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 seeks to operate two (2) additional motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Brooklyn. The applicant has been operating a livery service since 2021 and currently operates six (6) vehicles in general livery service.
- 2. The applicant will operate a 2012 Kia Sedona and a 2006 Ford Econoline. The 2006 Ford is owned the 2012 Kia is financed.
- 3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$1,874, insurance costs of \$2,667, maintenance costs of \$1,800 and property tax of \$400.
 - 4. The applicant has \$57,010 in a business bank account.

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- 5. The applicant has several part-time and full-time drivers who will drive the livery vehicles.
- 6. While the applicant still performs Veyo work, it is seeking to diversify its trips to perform general livery service.
- 7. The applicant will be working with TEEG which is a social service organization to transport senior clients to various appointments.
 - 8. There is a lack of livery transportation in the applicant's rural area.
 - 9. 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 criminal record checks for the members Paula, Jimmy, Josh and Shane Eccleston, which disclosed no criminal records. The applicant has been operating a successful livery service since 2021. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the expanded 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 \$1,874, insurance costs of \$2,667. maintenance costs of \$1,800 and property tax of \$400 for a total expense of \$6,741. The applicant has \$57,010 in a bank account which will cover these expenses, so it is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant seeks to diversify its livery trips by putting vans on the road to service the public. This is a rural area and there is a lack

of transportation available. Based on the evidence presented, the application will be granted.

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 reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3701

Quiet Corner Transport, LLC dba QC Transport is authorized to operate eight (8) 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 vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of Certificate Number MC-1252202.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the additional two (2) 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 1st day of November 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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