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DOCKET NO. 2312-N-146-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CONNECTICUT TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS, LLC TO CONVERT THE GOVERNMENTAL LIVERY PORTION OF ITS AUTHORITY, CONSISTING OF NINE (9) MOTOR VEHICLES, EACH HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) PASSENGERS, BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NAUGATUCK TO GENERAL LIVERY AUTHORITY.

DECISION

JANUARY 9, 2024

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on December 5, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Connecticut Transportation Solutions, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 35 Elm Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut 06770 seeks authorization to convert nine (9) of its governmental livery authorizations, with a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, to general livery between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Naugatuck.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on January 2, 2024.

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

Mr. Chet Doheny, President and Bill Afentoulides, Fleet Director appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 35 Elm Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut 06770.

### D. PERMIT

This livery permit was granted on January 3, 2019, for twenty-seven (27) governmental authorizations. The permit also contains authorization for three (3) wheelchair vans. On December 6, 2023, the applicant voluntarily forfeited eighteen (18) governmental livery authorizations leaving nine (9) remaining. It is those nine (9) remaining governmental authorizations that the applicant seeks to convert to general livery authority.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to convert nine (9) governmental livery authorizations to general livery.

2. The three (3) wheelchair vans under the livery permit will remain unchanged.
3. The applicant is receiving requests for general livery transportation.
4. The applicant is pursuing interstate authority.
5. The applicant has been in transportation for over 20 years.
6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes rent of \$15,732, vehicle financing of \$4,504, insurance of \$11,250, property tax of \$1,425, advertising of \$1005, maintenance of \$13,500 and communication costs of \$270.
7. The applicant has \$488,567 in a business bank account.
8. Chet and Jessica Doheny have no criminal record.
9. This application is 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.

To show financial support the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses which includes rent of \$15,732, vehicle financing of \$4,504, insurance of \$11,250, property tax of \$1,425, advertising of \$1005, maintenance of \$13,500 and communication costs of \$270 for a total cost of \$47,686. The applicant has \$488,566 in a bank account which is more than sufficient to cover these initial costs.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, a criminal record check was performed for Chet and Jessica Doheny which revealed no criminal record. The applicant has been providing

transportation services for the past twenty (20) years. Based on the evidence submitted, the applicant has proven the necessary suitability to be granted this application.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented the testimony of Mr. Doheny that he is getting requests for general livery service, and he would like to be able to accommodate those requests. Based on the evidence presented, this application will be granted.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application is hereby granted. Accordingly, Livery Permit Number 3250 standing in the name of Connecticut Transportation Solutions, LLC is hereby approved and is reissued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3250**

Connecticut Transportation Solutions, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate nine (9) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Naugatuck.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register and insure the nine (9) general motor vehicles converted 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 had been operational, i.e. all vehicles registered and in use with livery plates thereunder, for not less than twenty-four (24) consecutive months from the date of the granting of the authority.

The permit shall remain in effect until 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 revoke said permit.

#### **ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED LIVERY SERVICE**

Connecticut Transportation Solutions, LLC is also hereby permitted and authorized to operate three (3) wheelchair accessible motor vehicles of a van type, each having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, for the express purpose of providing reasonable livery service to

handicapped persons and elderly persons from a headquarters in Naugatuck.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

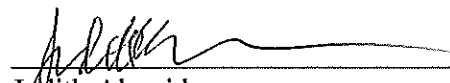
The motor vehicles registered under this permit shall be wheelchair accessible vans.

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Dated at Newington, Connecticut on January 9, 2024.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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