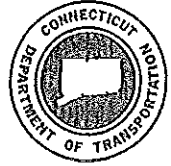




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DOCKET NO. 1408-N-143-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF ELATE MOVING, LLC TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE
TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS
CARRIER, OVER IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT
UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN GREENWICH.

FINAL DECISION

JANUARY 30, 2015

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on August 26, 2014, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1408-N-143-HG, Elate Moving, LLC (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 75 Holly Hill Lane, Suite 100, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Greenwich.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held at the administrative office of the Department, in Newington, Connecticut, on January 13, 2015.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390. Notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

The matter was heard by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17.

C. Appearances

Yuriy Antonov appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 75 Holly Hill Lane, Suite 100, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks authorization to transport household goods from a headquarters in Greenwich.
2. Mr. Antonov has gained experience in the moving business after owning both a New York and New Jersey moving company since 2008.
3. The applicant specializes in full packing moves in which his company will pack the entire home for the customer.
4. The applicant plans to utilize a 2004 twenty-four foot box truck to perform the moving service.
5. As of November 30, 2014, the applicant had \$150,974 cash in the bank. The applicant's total current assets were \$276,094 and the total current liabilities were \$12,168. The net working capital was \$263,925. The income statement for the eleven months ended was \$233,121. The applicant's insurance is paid until October 2015. The estimated startup cost for the first six months is \$49,000.

6. The applicant received seven phone calls requesting intrastate moving services last month.
7. Mr. Antonov speaks several languages including French, German, English and Russian as well as limited Spanish and Japanese.
8. The applicant currently has one clerical person working in the Greenwich office. Mr. Antonov plans to be in that office for the first year and have three salesmen working out of that office.
9. Dastan Mukhambetov, a Stamford real estate agent specializing in rental units supports the application. Mr. Mukhambetov is frequently asked by clients, two to three times a month, to recommend an intrastate mover. Since he has used the applicant himself, he feels comfortable recommending the applicant. He initially found out about the applicant's service through work colleagues, building doormen and superintendents in New York. Mr. Mukhambetov is seeking to move his residence within Connecticut next year and hopes to again use the applicant's service.
10. Mark Jencin is a customer of the applicant who he hired to moved him from New York to Connecticut. He plans to move again within Connecticut in February and wants to have the applicant move his things from his current residence to a new one as well as have items moved from Westy's Storage in Stamford to his new residence.
11. The applicant gets regular moving referrals from Mr. Dorian Mincin from Westy's Storage in Stamford.
12. Gilui Chanchameisheilli is a former customer of the applicant looking to utilize the service again for an intrastate Connecticut move in April. He has recommended the applicant's service to several of his work colleagues.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no person shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to so operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which the authority is requested, the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways, pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The first criterion to be taken into account is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting the certificate. This application was not opposed by any existing motor carrier. Since the application was not opposed at the hearing, it appears that there would not be any effect on the existing motor carrier facilities if this application were granted.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that as of

November 30, 2014, the applicant had \$150,974 cash in the bank. The total current assets were \$276,094 and the total current liabilities were \$12,168. The net working capital was \$263,925. The income statement for the eleven months ended was \$233,121. The applicant's insurance is paid until October 2015. The estimated startup cost for the first 6 months is \$49,000.

The applicant has sufficient funds to cover a six month start-up period.

The applicant submitted a criminal record checks for Yuriy Antonov and Julia Bilyk which showed no criminal convictions in Connecticut or New York, their state of residency. Mr. Antonov has experience in the moving business and is familiar with the rules and regulations. Several of the applicant's former clients testified about the reliable and professional services that he provides and who want to utilize the applicant's moving service for upcoming moves. The applicant also presented one witness who has used the applicant himself, and wants to refer his customers to use the applicant on intrastate moves. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to operate the proposed service.

Also to be considered is the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested and the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways, The applicant has experience in the moving and storage business and will be able to efficiently handle the moves he is seeking. The applicant will be utilizing one box truck which will have a minimal effect on the highways.

Based upon the evidence presented, the applicant has proven all of the necessary elements to be granted a certificate.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Elate Moving, LLC is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1776 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1776
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Elate Moving, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in Greenwich.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the certificate holder's facilities at uniform rate for all similar service.

CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered under this certificate within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.


This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to revoke said certificate.

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder thereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such rules regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 30th day of January 2015.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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