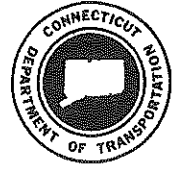


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DOCKET NO. 1805-N-65-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF TAIT TRANSPORTATION, LLC DBA TAIT  
MOVING AND STORAGE 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 BERLIN.

DECISION

JUNE 20, 2018

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on May 2, 2018, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1805-N-65-HG, Tait Transportation, LLC, dba Tait Moving and Storage (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 71 Brook View Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033 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 Berlin.

### 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 June 14, 2018.

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

David Valle appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 71 Brook View Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033.

## II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate a household moving service from a headquarters in Berlin.

2. Mr. Valle has extensive experience working in various aspects of the moving business.

3. The applicant will have the following expenses in the first six months of operation: insurance of \$4,312, property tax of \$54, maintenance of \$2,000, advertising of \$2,500, mortgage costs of \$5,796, communication costs of \$1,200 and a note of \$10,000 for purchasing a moving business in New Haven.

4. The applicant has \$28,215 in a Peoples Bank account.

5. The applicant will be operating a 1999 box truck which has been paid for.

6. Chris Edge, Economic Development Director from the town of Berlin, appeared in support of the application. The respondent's Berlin location is zoned to allow the commercial use of the property. The town of Berlin is growing and welcomes the applicant's business.

7. The applicant has received federal authority under MC-84884-C.

8. Vincent Verrillo is a broker for the seller of the property that Mr. Valle purchased for this business. He gets daily requests for household movers which he will refer to the applicant. He is also a relocation expert for several companies. At this time he doesn't refer any other moving companies to his clients. Sometimes there are issues in that larger moving companies don't want to perform small moves.

9. This application is not opposed.

### 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 criminal history of the applicant, 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 so 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 the applicant's first six months of start-up costs includes: insurance of \$4,312, property tax of \$54, maintenance of \$2,000, advertising of \$2,500, mortgage costs of \$5,796, communication costs of \$1,200 and a note of \$10,000 for purchasing a moving business in New Haven for a total expense of \$25,862. The applicant has \$28,215 in a Peoples Bank account which is sufficient to cover these costs.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for David Valle which shows no record. The applicant has long been in the moving business and has a lot of experience. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

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 plans to operate one box truck to perform this service that will have little effect on the public or highways.

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

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Tait Transportation, LLC dba Tait Moving and Storage is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1794 is issued as follows:

**CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1794**  
**TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY**  
**FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER**

Tait Transportation, LLC dba Tait Moving and Storage 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 Berlin.**

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.

Tait Transportation, LLC dba Tait Moving and Storage is also hereby authorized in interstate commerce by the issuance of MC-84884-C by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

**CONDITIONS:**

**A motor vehicle must be registered and insured under this certificate within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision. Failure to do so may result in a revocation of authority.**

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the

certificate registration receipt by the department.

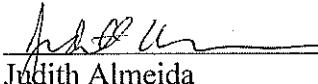
This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be 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 20th day of June.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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