

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2002-N-12-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF WE MOVE STUFF, 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
MIDDLETOWN.

DECISION

APRIL 16, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on February 3, 2020, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 2002-N-12-HG, We Move Stuff, LLC (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 970 Saybrook Road, Middletown, Connecticut 06457 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 Middletown.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held by phone conference on April 9, 2020 at 12:30 PM.

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

Anthony Nollen one of the applicant members, appeared by phone pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 970 Saybrook Road, Middletown, Connecticut 06457.

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate a household moving service from a headquarters in Middletown.
2. The applicants have experience with commercial moves and some residential moves.
3. The applicant's tariff was approved by the department.
4. The applicants have been operating their own moving company performing commercial moves for the past six months
5. The applicant has \$14,146 in a Peoples United Bank account.

6. The applicant will be operating a 2018 Chevy Silverado pickup truck which is financed. The fair market of the vehicle is \$41,000.

7. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$3,315, equipment of \$500, vehicle financing of \$4,200, maintenance and repairs \$300, property tax \$499, advertising costs of \$1,200 and communication costs of \$300.

8. The applicant has contacts in the real estate business who will provide moving referrals.

9. The applicant will continue to perform commercial moves while incorporating residential moves into the business.

10. Mr. Nollen and Mr. Hofmeister, the two applicant members, have no criminal record.

11. This application was 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 costs of \$3,315, equipment of \$500, vehicle financing of \$4,200, maintenance and repairs \$300, property tax \$499, advertising of \$1,200 and communication costs of \$300 for a total expense of \$10,314. The applicant has

\$14,146 in a bank account, which is sufficient to cover these costs. The applicant is financially suitable.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Mr. Martin and Mr. Hofmeister and no criminal record was found. Both members have past experience in commercial and residential moves. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Another factor 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 pickup truck to perform this service, which will have little effect on the public or highways. The applicants are familiar with moving goods from a past job and can efficiently perform the service.

Based upon the evidence presented, the applicant has proven all the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate a household good moving company.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of We Move Stuff, LLC is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1805 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1805
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

We Move Stuff, 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 Middletown.

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 rates for all similar service.

CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered and insured under this certificate within ninety (90) 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.

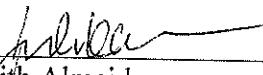
This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be 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 16th day of April 2020.

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