



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DOCKET NUMBER 0806-C-107-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF GREEN LIGHT LIMOUSINE, INC. DBA LIMOUSINE SERVICE.

Final Decision

September 3, 2008

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Citation

By citation dated July 17, 2008, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, et seq, Green Light Limousine, Inc. dba Limousine Service (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 2987, was ordered to come before the department to answer allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Permit Number 2987, for the registration of interstate authority, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103(a) operating in intrastate livery service without an intrastate livery license.

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing same.

B. Hearing

Pursuant to Section 13b-103(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on August 14, 2008.

Notice of the citation and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Section 13b-17 of the General Statutes.

C. Appearances

The respondent, Green Light Limousine, Inc. dba Limousine Service, of 8 Mill Plain Road, Danbury, Connecticut appeared through its treasurer, Daniel Pernas.

Eugene Morris, transportation transit inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the Department of Transportation presented the department's evidence.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is holder of Livery Permit Number 2987 for the registration of its interstate livery authority as issued by the Federal Highway Safety Administration in the issuance of MC47814 from a headquarters in Danbury, Connecticut.
- 2. On December 17, 2007, the respondent provided a livery trip from Ridgefield, Connecticut to Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.
 - 3. The respondent does not hold a permit for intrastate livery.
- 4. The respondent has an application pending for intrastate livery authority.
- 5. The respondent refers intrastate calls to other companies who provide intrastate service.

III. DISCUSSION

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102 et seq.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103 the department may amend, or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-102 through 13b-109, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The evidence in this matter shows that the respondent is holder of Permit Number 2987 and is authorized to provide interstate livery service only. The treasurer of the respondent company, Daniel Pernas, testified that the company provided the intrastate livery trip on December 17, 2007 due to an extreme circumstance. He testified that the company does not otherwise provide intrastate service.

Pernas introduced into evidence the company's reservation manifest for nine months prior to the instant hearing, showing the calls referred to Chauffeured Limousine for intrastate trips. Pernas testified that the company has not provided intrastate trips since it received a summons and that any problems the responded faces should be alleviated once it receives intrastate authority. The respondent will be assessed a civil penalty for its indiscretion.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103(a) on December 17, 2007 by providing an intrastate trip without an intrastate livery license.

V. ORDER

The respondent is hereby ordered to pay to the Department of Transportation a civil penalty in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250), by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" within thirty days from the date of the final decision for its violation.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut this 3rd day of September 2008.

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