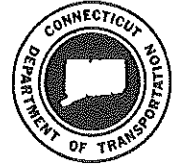




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1610-AV-120-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CONNECTICUT BRANCHES, LLC TO OPERATE EIGHT (8) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) ADULTS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY VIRTUE OF A CONTRACT WITH, OR A LOWER TIER CONTRACT FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WOODBRIDGE.

DECISION

DECEMBER 8, 2016

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on October 20, 2016, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Connecticut Branches, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of P.O. Box 3824, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06625 seeks authorization to operate eight (8) motor vehicles, having a passenger seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, for the transportation of passengers for hire by virtue of a contract with, or a lower tier contract for, any federal, state or municipal agency between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Woodbridge.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 13b-103(a) (3), as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on December 6, 2016.

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(a)(1), 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

Jodie Simpson appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is P.O. Box 3824, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06625.

Claude Bisson, Transportation Manager for Logisticare Solutions, LLC appeared as a witness. His mailing address is 127 Washington Avenue, 5th Floor, North Haven, CT 06473.

D. APPLICATION AMMEDMENT

The application was amended on the record to reduce the requested number of vehicles from eight (8) to four (4).

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate four (4) motor vehicles under contract with Logisticare.
2. The applicant is currently using the four (4) vehicles for student transportation.

3. Claude Bisson, Transportation Manager from Logisticare, supports the application. Logisticare needs transportation for students between school and behavioral health therapy.

4. The applicant's first six months of additional expenses includes workers compensation costs of \$7,271, staffing costs of \$7,020, equipment costs of \$2,400 and other current accrued liabilities of \$11,145 for a total expense of \$27,836.

5. Since the applicant is using the four (4) vehicles for student transportation, it won't be incurring many additional expenses to perform this livery service.

6. The applicant has \$38,230 in Wells Fargo account.

7. This application was 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 has presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes workers compensation costs of \$7,271, staffing costs of \$7,020, equipment costs of \$2,400 and other current accrued liabilities of \$11,145 for a total of \$27,836. The applicant already is using the vehicles for student transportation and won't be incurring many additional expenses except driver costs to utilize these vehicles. The applicant has \$38,230 in Wells Fargo account. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is financially viable to operate the proposed livery service since its assets far outweigh the costs.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the three members of the limited liability corporation Jodie Simpson, Christopher McCurry and Joseph Baxter submitted a criminal record check which disclosed no convictions. The applicant is already providing student transportation for the same population that Logisticare needs transported from school to therapy. Based on the evidence presented, applicant is suitable to perform the proposed livery service.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, Mr. Bisson testified that Logisticare

needs to have students transported to behavioral health programs. Logisticare will enter into a contract with the applicant once the application is granted.

Based on the evidence presented, Livery Permit Number 3502, standing in the name of Connecticut Branches, LLC is hereby reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3502

**DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE
UNDER CONTRACT WITH LOGISTICARE
DOCKET NO. 1610-AV-120-L-GRANTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2016**

Connecticut Branches, LLC is authorized to operate four (4) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with Logisticare from a headquarters in Woodbridge.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure all four (4) motor vehicles granted in this docket within sixty (60) days from the date of this final decision. Any vehicles not registered or insured within the sixty (60) day period will be revoked automatically.

The authority for the four (4) vehicles granted in Docket No. 1610-AV-120-L shall be durational in nature and shall exist only for the period of time that the permit holder has a current and continuing contract in effect for the provision of service with Logisticare.

The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with Logisticare or the cessation of the active provision of service thereunder. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicles authorized in this decision, a current, executed copy of the extension of said contract. Failure to file an extension of the contract, or a new executed contract shall void the authority for the vehicles authorized pursuant to this contract.

This permit is not transferable and shall remain in effect until revoked by the department or until the contract under which this authority is granted has expired. 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 amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

**DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
DOCKET NO. 1507-NGOV-74-L-GRANTED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

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Connecticut Branches, LLC. is authorized to operate SEVEN (7) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with the Department of Children and Families from a headquarters in Woodbridge.

RESTRICTIONS:

The authority for the seven (7) vehicles granted in Docket No. 1507-NGOV-74-L shall be durational in nature and shall exist only for the period of time that the permit holder has a current and continuing contract in effect for the provision of service with the Department of Children and Families.

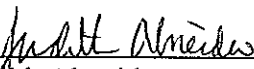
The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with the Department of Children and Families or the cessation of the active provision of service thereunder. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicles authorized in this decision, a current, executed copy of the extension of said contract. Failure to file an extension of the contract, or a new executed contract shall void the authority for the vehicles authorized pursuant to this contract.

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A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on December 8, 2016.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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