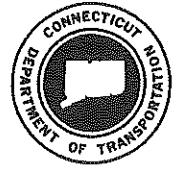


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DOCKET NO. 2011-N-64-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF OZ MOVING & STORAGE, INC 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.

DECISION

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on November 24, 2020, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 2011-N-64-HG, Oz Moving & Storage, Inc ("hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 498 Nepperham Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701 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 by telephone conference on February 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

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

Eran Sobol, the president of Oz Moving & Storage, Inc, appeared pro se by phone on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 498 Nepperham Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Nancy Zafrani, the general manager of the applicant, appeared as a witness in this matter.

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate an intrastate household goods moving service from a headquarters in Greenwich.
2. The applicant has been operating a successful moving company in New York for many years.
3. The applicant's tariff was approved by the department.

4. In 2003, the applicant was issued interstate authority under MC-439945-C by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

5. The applicant has \$1,922,839 balance in various business bank accounts.

6. The applicant will be operating twenty-nine (29) box trucks of varying sizes in the moving business.

7. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$224,891, vehicle financing of \$202,104, maintenance and repairs of \$74,124, property tax of \$5,826, advertising costs of \$60,000 and communication costs of \$57,000.

8. The applicant's headquarters will be in the Greenwich home of its operations manager. This headquarters location will change in a couple of weeks when the operations manager moves to a new residence within Greenwich.

9. Mr. Sobol, the sole officer of the applicant corporation, has a clean criminal record.

10. There was no opposition to a grant of this application.

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.

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 \$224,891, vehicle financing of \$202,104, maintenance and repairs of \$74,124, property tax of \$5,826, advertising costs of \$60,000 and communication costs of \$57,000 for a total expense of \$623,945. The applicant has \$1,922,839 in a business bank accounts which is sufficient to cover these costs thereby making the applicant financially suitable.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Mr. Sobol which showed no criminal record. The applicant has been operating a household moving business in New York since 1993. 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 utilize some of its twenty-nine (29) box trucks in Connecticut. Based on its long history of moving household goods, the applicant's vehicles will not have a detrimental effect on the public or highways.

The last criterion to be considered is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting this certificate. No moving companies have opposed the application indicating that there would be little, if any, effect on the operators in that area. Based on the evidence provided, the applicant has proven all the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate a household good moving company from a headquarters in Greenwich.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Oz Moving & Storage, Inc. is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1808 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1808
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Oz Moving & Storage, Inc 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 rates for all similar service.

The applicant has interstate authority under certificate number MC-439945-C issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

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.

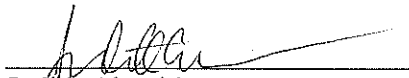
This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent state statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be 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 22nd day of February 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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