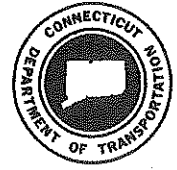




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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2012-N-75-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF E-Z MOVING, 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 RIDGEFIELD.

DECISION

MARCH 5, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on December 30, 2020, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 2012-N-75-HG, E-Z Moving, LLC ("hereinafter applicant"), with a mailing address of 25 Olmstead Lane, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 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 Ridgefield.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held by a telephone conference on February 11, 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

Mr. Ezra Zimmermann, the sole member of the applicant, appeared pro se by phone. The applicant's mailing address is 25 Olmstead Lane, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877.

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate an intrastate household goods moving company from a headquarters in Ridgefield.

2. Mr. Zimmermann has worked in the moving business in both high school and college when he was employed by a moving company.

3. Mr. Zimmermann started a landscaping and snow plowing business which led to him performing junk removal. As an extension of the junk removal business, he wants to perform household goods moving.

4. The applicant is performing twenty (20) to thirty (30) house cleanouts per week. The

applicant also provides household packing and unpacking services.

5. The applicant has a \$32,133 balance in its business bank account.

6. The applicant will be operating a 2017 Isuzu NPR sixteen-foot box truck in the moving business.

7. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$2,366, vehicle financing of \$4,405, maintenance and repairs of \$600, moving supplies of \$2,500, property tax of \$5,826, advertising costs of \$3,900 and communication costs of \$840.

8. Mr. Zimmermann will have both an assistant and his mother help him in operating the moving business.

9. Mr. Zimmermann has a clean criminal record.

10. The applicant receives several requests for intrastate moving services every week which he cannot perform because he is not authorized.

11. 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 of insurance costs of \$2,366, vehicle financing of \$4,405, maintenance and repairs of \$600, moving supply costs of \$2,500, property tax of \$5,826, advertising costs of \$3,900 and communication costs of \$840 for a total expense of \$20,437. The applicant has \$32,133 in a business bank account which is sufficient to cover these costs thereby making the applicant financially suitable.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Mr. Zimmermann which showed no criminal record. The applicant has prior experience having worked for several moving companies. In addition, the applicant has been operating a junk removal business for several years requiring him to transport household goods and perform packing and unpacking services. 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 one box truck for the business. The applicant's one vehicle will not have a detrimental effect on the public or our 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 Ridgefield.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of E-Z Moving, LLC is hereby granted, and Certificate Number 1809 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1809
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

E-Z Moving, 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 Ridgefield.

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.

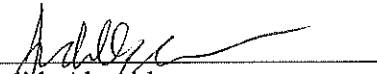
This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent state statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be 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 5th day of March 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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