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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2303-N-56-L

RE: APPLICATION OF B LINE TRANSPORTATION LLC TO OPERATE  
TEN (10) MOTOR VEHICLES IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH  
A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS,  
FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN PLAINVILLE

DECISION

JUNE 27, 2023

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on March 28, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, B Line Transportation LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of P.O. Box 843, Plainville, Connecticut 06062 seeks authorization to operate ten (10) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Plainville.

The applicant currently operates four (4) vehicles in governmental contract which he seeks to change to general livery and in addition the applicant wants to add six (6) more general livery vehicles for a total of ten (10) vehicles in general livery service.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on June 20, 2023.

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, 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

Stephen Biggar appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is P.O. Box 843, Plainville, Connecticut 06062.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate ten (10) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Plainville.
2. The applicant proposes to convert its current four (4) governmental livery authorities to general livery in addition to adding six (6) more general livery vehicles for a total of ten vehicles.
3. The applicant will operate a 2018 Dodge van, two 2019 Dodge vans, three 2018 Kia

SUV, a 2019 Nissan SUV and a 2018, 2015 and 2020 Mitsubishi SUV.

4. The applicant has \$94,242 in a business bank account.
5. The applicant has sufficient drivers for all the livery vehicles.
6. The applicant's expenses include rent of \$14,268, vehicle financing of \$14,865, insurance of \$26,126, property tax of \$2,353, maintenance of \$12,000, communication costs of \$1,025 and office expenses of \$1,200.
7. The applicant receives regular requests for intrastate livery service that it is unable to perform.
8. Mr. Biggar has a clean criminal history.
9. This application is 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.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for Stephen Biggar which disclosed no criminal record. The applicant has been operating in livery service since 2021. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed intrastate livery business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes include rent of \$14,268, vehicle financing of \$14,865, insurance of \$26,126, property tax of \$2,353, maintenance of \$12,000, communication of \$1,025 and office expenses of \$1,200 for a total expense of \$71,837. The applicant has \$94,242 in a bank

account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has been in the livery business already for two (2) years. The applicant has a customer base which he can grow into intrastate livery service, and he regularly receives requests for intrastate livery service. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has shown that public convenience and necessity will be improved by a grant of this application.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of B Line Transportation LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3718 is hereby reissued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3718**

B Line Transportation LLC is authorized to operate ten (10) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Plainville.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register and insure the ten (10) general livery vehicles granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the general livery authority.**

The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. 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.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 27th day of June 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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