

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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1/24/20

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Re:

Application of First Transit, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-105-B (101)

Application of First Transit, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-106-B (102)

Application of First Transit, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-107-B (128)

Application of First Transit, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-108-B (913)

Dear Attorney Fulco,

On October 1, 2019, the Regulatory and Compliance unit of the Connecticut Department of Transportation provided notice of applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("Certificates") filed by First Transit Inc. ("First Transit") pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §13b-80. The notice relates to First Transit seeking Certificates for the routes it is currently operating under a contract with the Connecticut Department of Transportation ("Department"), specifically Routes 101, 102, 128 and 913.

The Regulatory and Compliance unit is in receipt of submissions that are two distinct letters from you, both dated October 29, 2019, on the above referenced First Transit applications./Attached to your letters are petitions for hearings on each of the applications filed on behalf of your clients, DATTCO, Inc. ("DATTCO"), The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc. ("NBT"), and Collins Bus Service, Inc. ("Collins").

Below is a summary of the October 29, 2019 submissions to the Regulatory and Compliance unit. In the submissions, there are some discrepancies between the text of the letter and the attachments, that I would like to set out.

The first letter indicates that six petitions were attached. Those petitions were identified as:

- 1. Petition of The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc. in Docket No.
- 1909-FR-05-B (101);
- 2. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc., in Docket No. 1909-FR-05-B (101);
- 3. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc. in Docket No. 1909-FR-05-B (102) Fastrack;
- 4. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc. in Docket No. 1909-FR-107-B (128) Fastrak;

- 5. Petition of DATTCO, Inc. in Docket No. 1909-FR-108-B (913) Fastrak;
- 6. Petition of The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc. in Docket No. 1909-FR-108-B (913) Fastrak. However, upon review, the following ten petitions were attached to your first letter:
 - 1. Petition of The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-05-B (101);
 - 2. Petition of DATTCO, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-05-B (101);
 - 3. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-05-B (101);
 - 4. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-05-B (102)(Fastrack);
 - 5. Petition of DATTCO, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-106-B (102) Fastrack;
 - 6. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-107-B (128) Fastrak;
 - 7. Petition of DATTCO, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-107-B (128) Fastrak;
 - 8. Petition of DATTCO, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-108-B (913) Fastrak;
 - 9. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-108-B (913) Fastrak; and
 - 10. Petition of The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-108-B (913) Fastrak.

Along a similar line, your second letter indicates that six petitions were attached. The petitions attached to the second letter matched the petitions as stated in your second letter. They are:

- 1. Petition of DATTCO, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-05-B (101);
- 2. Petition of DATTCO, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-106-B (102) Fastrack;
- 3. Petition of The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-106-B (102) Fastrack;
- 4. Petition of DATTCO, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-107-B (128) Fastrak;
- 5. Petition of The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-107-B (128) Fastrak;
- 6. Petition of Collins Bus Service, Inc., Docket No. 1909-FR-108-B (913) Fastrak.

The language in each petition appears to be substantially similar to the other petitions. In each petition, NBT, DATTCO, and Collins claim that they own Certificates, specifically Certificates 10, 11, and 303 and 466, respectively.

The Regulatory and Compliance Unit will not be holding a hearing on the First Transit Applications. Conn. Gen. Stat. §13b-80 states that the Department "may" hold a hearing on a petition that is submitted under Conn. Gen. Stat. §13b-80. Legislation enacted in 1997 (Public Act 97-304) eliminated the requirement of a mandatory public hearing on petitions. Therefore, Conn. Gen. Stat. §13b-80 does not require a hearing but leaves it to the discretion of the Department. The Department will give all entities that have submitted comments on the

Applications, including NBT, DATTCO and Collins, the opportunity to submit any additional information they believe should be considered in relation to the Applications.

In addition, the Regulatory and Compliance Unit requests that your clients, NBT, DATTCO and Collins, provide a response to the request for information below, separately for each petition.

Please identify (a) each route listed in the petitioner's Certificate that is incorporated and/or runs parallel
to the route sought by First Transit in the Application; (b) the streets listed in each of petitioner's
Certificated routes over which the First Transit route operates; and (c) the streets listed in each of in the
petitioner's Certificated routes over which the First Transit route operates and which the petitioner also
operates fixed route bus service.

All responses to the request for information listed above and any additional information must be submitted to the Regulatory and Compliance Unit no later than February 7, 2020. You may contact me at felipe.briseno@ct.gov if you have any questions.

Best The P Briseno III

Supervisor, Regulatory and Compliance unit

SERVICE LIST

Applicant:

First Transit, Inc. (operated by H.N.S. Management Company, Inc.)

100 Liebert Road, PO Box 66,

Hartford, CT 06120

CTDOT:

DOT Public Transit Operations

Ricardo Almeida

2800 Berlin Turnpike

Newington, CT 06111

Town Fathers:

Route 913

1. Hartford Mayor

Municipal Building

550 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06103

2. East Hartford Mayor

Town Hall

740 Main Street

East Hartford CT 06108

3. Manchester General Manager

Town Hall

41 Center Street

PO Box 191

Manchester CT 06045

4. Mansfield Town Manager

Beck Municipal Building

4 South Eagleville Road

Mansfield, CT 06268

5. Coventry Town Manager

Town Office Building

1712 Main Street

Coventry, CT 06238

6. South Windsor Town Manager

Town Hall

1540 Sullivan Avenue

South Windsor, CT 06074

7. Vernon Mayor

Memorial Building

14 Park Place

Vernon CT 06066

Route 128

1. Hartford Mayor

Municipal Building

550 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06103

2. West Hartford Town Manager

Town Hall

50 South Main Street

West Hartford, CT 06107

3. Newington Town Manager

131 Cedar Street

Newington CT, 06111

4. New Britain Mayor

City Hall

27 West Main Street

New Britain, CT 06051

5. Farmington Town Manager

Town Hall

1 Monteith Drive

Farmington CT 06032

Route 102

1. Hartford Mayor

Municipal Building

550 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06103

2. West Hartford Town Manager

Town Hall

50 South Main Street

West Hartford, CT 06107

3. Newington Town Manager

131 Cedar Street

Newington CT, 06111

4. New Britain Mayor

City Hall

27 West Main Street

New Britain, CT 06051

5. Bristol Mayor

City Hall

111 North Main Street

Bristol CT 06010

6. Plainville Town Manager

Municipal Center

One Central Square

Plainville CT 06062

Route 101

1. Hartford Mayor

Municipal Building

550 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06103

2. West Hartford Town Manager

Town Hall

50 South Main Street

West Hartford, CT 06107

3. Newington Town Manager

131 Cedar Street

Newington CT, 06111

4. New Britain Mayor

City Hall

27 West Main Street

New Britain, CT 06051

Fixed Route Bus Companies:

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Arrow Line Acquisition, LLC (C-312)

677 Cromwell Avenue

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Collins Bus Service, Inc. (P-347) (C-303)(C-466)

1105 Strong Road

South Windsor, CT 06074

DATTCO, Inc. (C-11)

583 South Street

New Britain, CT 06051

First Transit, Inc. (operated by H.N.S. Management Company, Inc.)

100 Liebert Road, PO Box 66,

Hartford, CT 06120

First Transit, Inc.

600 Vine Street, #1400,

Cincinnati, OH 45202

The New Britain Transportation Company, Inc. (C-10)

257 Woodlawn Street

Berlin, CT 06037

North-East Transportation Company, Incorporated (C-105)

1717 Thomaston Avenue

Waterbury, CT 06704

Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc. (C-473)

1776 Main Street

Springfield, MA 01102

Post Road Stages, Inc. (C-207)

1105 Strong Road, South Windsor, CT 06074