



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**



DOCKET NO. 2306-N-96-HG

APPLICATION OF GENTLE GIANT MOVING COMPANY (NY), LLC DBA GENTLE GIANT  
MOVING & STORAGE 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  
BRIDGEPORT.

DECISION

September 27, 2023

Regulatory and Compliance Unit  
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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on June 21, 2023, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes and assigned Docket No. 2306-N-96-HG, Gentle Giant Moving Company (NY), LLC dba Gentle Giant Moving & Storage ("hereinafter applicant"), with a mailing address of 7 McKay Ave, Winchester, MA 01890, 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 Bridgeport.

### B. Hearing

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-391, a hearing is not required on this application.

Notice of the application was given to the applicant and to other interested parties in the municipality of Bridgeport on August 9, 2023, requesting comments on the application.

## II. FINDING OF FACT

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

2. The applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gentle Giant Moving Co., LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GGMC-LLC"). GGMC-LLC was formed as a Delaware limited liability company on October 21, 2004. GGMC-LLC also currently serves as the sole manager of the applicant. GGMC-LLC is directly or indirectly owned by each of the following individuals, each of whom are identified on the application as a "principal" of the applicant.

- Thomas O'Gorman
- John Pacocha
- Lawrence O'Toole
- Adrian Farrell
- Arthur Falvey

3. The applicant's principals have operated Gentle Giant Interstate Company, LLC dba Gentle Giant Moving Company (FMCSA MC-00218762), an interstate household goods motor carrier, for over a decade.

4. The applicant has a \$26,892.79 balance in its business bank accounts.

5. The applicant will be operating one (1) 2016 Freightliner truck in the moving business.

6. The applicant's first six (6) months of expenses include office rent for \$1,299.54, insurance costs of \$3,025, vehicle financing of \$12,361.44 (monthly lease payment includes maintenance and repairs, and property tax), moving supplies of \$0, advertising costs of \$5,000 and communications costs of \$600.

7. The principles will have at least one employee working for them. Anthony Rodenas, Regional Manager, is the point of contact for this applicant's operation in Connecticut.

8. All five (5) principals have a clean record.

9. The applicant receives several requests for intrastate moving services every week which cannot be performed because the company is not authorized.

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, and the criminal history of the applicant pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence for office rent costs of \$1,299.54, insurance costs of \$3,025, vehicle financing of \$12,361.44 (monthly lease payment includes maintenance and repairs, and property tax), moving supplies of \$0, advertising costs of \$5,000 and communications costs of \$600 for a total expense of \$22,285.98. The applicant has \$26,892.79 in business bank accounts, which is sufficient to cover these costs thereby making the applicant financially suitable.

The applicant submitted five principals for criminal record checks, which showed no criminal record for any of the principals. The applicant has moving experience, having managed moving companies under the family of companies owned by GGMC-LLC. The applicant also has access to abundant resources provided by the parent company. 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. The applicant plans to utilize one 2016 Freightliner truck for the business. The applicant's one vehicle will enable efficient performance of duties.

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 goods moving company from a headquarters in Bridgeport.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Gentle Giant Moving Company (NY), LLC dba Gentle Giant Moving & Storage is hereby granted, and Certificate Number HG1826 is issued as follows:

**CERTIFICATE NUMBER HG1826**  
**TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY**  
**FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER**

Gentle Giant Moving Company (NY), LLC dba Gentle Giant Moving & Storage 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 Bridgeport.**

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.**

**The five people identified as principals of the certificate holder must submit to criminal record checks every three (3) years. The certificate holder must notify the department of any change to the list of principals provided. If a principal is to leave the employment of the certificate holder, the certificate holder will have to provide the department with the replacement's name and title. This principal would then be subject to the criminal history check requirement.**

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

The 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 regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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Lisa A. Rivers  
Transit Administrator  
Bureau of Public Transportation