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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DOCKET NUMBER 0709-C-143-L (Complaint No. LV09-1307-106)

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF UNITED LIMOUSINE, LLC.

Final Decision

January 30, 2008

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

A. Background

By citation dated October 3, 2007, issued by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, United Limousine, LLC (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 3121 was ordered to come before the department to answer allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Permit Number 3121, for the registration of interstate authority, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its permit, issued in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, for failure to provide proof of mandatory public service insurance as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-29(a).

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing same.

B. Hearing

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on January 10, 2008.

Notice of the citation and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by General Statutes Section 13b-103(a) and 4-182, as amended.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Section 13b-17 of the General Statutes.

C. Appearances

The respondent failed to appear at this hearing. The respondent's Notice of Hearing, sent by certified mail, was returned to the department, with a notation by the Post Office that the letter was unclaimed and unable to be forwarded.

Wayne Sinclair, with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the Department of Transportation presented the department's evidence. Eugene Morris, public transit inspector was the department's witness.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is holder of Livery Permit Number 3121 for the registration of its authority to operate vehicles in the transportation of passengers in interstate livery service, as issued by the Federal Highway Safety Administration.
- 2. On September 14, 2007, Eugene Morris, public transit inspector for the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the department received a copy of a Notice of Plate Cancellation, dated August 28, 2007, from the Department of Motor Vehicles issued to the respondent for marker plate Z8529Z.
- 3. The Notice of Cancellation was issued because the respondent failed to provide proof of mandatory public service insurance as required by Section 14-29 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 4. On September 17, 2007, Morris issued to the respondent a warning letter indicating that an investigation regarding allegations of the respondent's violations of the law was being undertaken and the respondent would be advised upon completion of the investigation.
- 5. The respondent received the warning letter on September 25, 2007.
- 6. On September 17, 2007, Morris checked the Department of Motor Vehicle records which confirmed the cancellation of the marker plate.
- 7. As of the date of hearing, the respondent did not contact the department regarding the pending investigation.
- 8. A citation notice for hearing was sent by certified mail to the respondent on October 3, 2007, which the respondent failed to claim. The citation notice was returned to the department on October 24, 2007.
 - 9. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing.
- 10. As of the hearing date, the respondent has not provided proof of mandatory insurance and its marker plate remains cancelled by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103 the department may amend, or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-102 through 13b-109, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The respondent failed to provide proof of mandatory public service insurance in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-29(a). The violation of said law constitutes violation of the respondent's permit, issued pursuant to Section 13b-103(a) of the General Statutes.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, Livery Permit Number 3121 for the registration of interstate livery service, standing in the name of United Limousine, LLC, is hereby revoked.

Said revocation shall become effective fifteen (15) days from the date of the final decision.

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