

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1304-C-223-B

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF CHEETAH CHARTERS, INC.

Final Decision

August 29, 2013

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

#### A. General

By citation dated June 3, 2013, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-94a, as amended, Cheetah Charters, Inc. (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Permit Number 522, was ordered to come before the department to answer the 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 522, issued for the operation of bus service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its certificate pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-94, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103 for failure to register vehicles in a timely manner.

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

#### B Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-94a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on August 20, 2013.

Notice of the citation and the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-94, 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 Connecticut General Statutes.

### C. Appearances

The respondent failed to appear at the citation hearing despite the respondent having been sent a hearing notice to its mailing address of record. The respondent's mailing address is 55 Imlay Street #D, Hartford, Connecticut 06105.

Eugene Morris, Transportation Public Transit Inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence on behalf of the department.

#### II. FINDING OF FACT

- On January 9, 2012, a permit to operate in intrastate charter service was granted to Cheetah Charters, Inc.
- 2. On February 9, 2012 the company requested an extension for registering a bus until March 17, 2012.
- 3. The respondent has failed to register a vehicle under this bus permit.
- 4. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing despite being duly notified.

#### III. CONCLUSION

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-94a, 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-94a, as amended, with

respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars per day for each violation.

The respondent was granted intrastate livery service in January of 2012. As of this date, over one year later, the respondent has failed to register any vehicle under this permit.

## IV. ORDER

Based on the above, the bus permit in the name of Cheetah Charters, Inc., Permit Number 522, is hereby revoked fifteen (15) days from the date of this final decision.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 29th day of August 2013.

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