

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 0701-N-17-L

RE: APPLICATION OF EAST COAST LIMOUSINE, LLC TO OPERATE THREE (3) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF TEN (10) ADULTS OR LESS IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WATERBURY.

FINAL DECISION

May 30, 2007

#### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. General

By application filed on January 23, 2007 with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, East Coast Limousine, LLC (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 60 South Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, Connecticut, seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of ten (10) adults or less in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in the town of Waterbury.

#### B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103(a), as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on May 15, 2007.

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 the Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103. Legal notice to the public was given by publication in the Waterbury Republican American, a newspaper having a circulation in the area of concern.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

#### C. Appearances

The applicant appeared through its members, Shawnda and Frank Barbosa. The applicant's mailing address is 60 South Street, Waterbury, Connecticut 06706.

Sheldon Lubin, a member of department staff, was present at the hearing.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant has held interstate Livery Permit Number 2886 since December 2001.
- 2. The applicant owns three motor vehicles outright which are valued at \$93,720.
- 3. The applicant pays an annual cost of \$17,094 to insure its vehicles.
- 4. The applicant's April bank statement shows a balance of \$30,263.78
- 5. The applicant presented a partial sample of trip referral sheets showing that it regularly refers intrastate business to other livery operators.
- 6. Mrs. Barbosa manages the business while her husband Frank performs driving services along with another driver.

- 7. The applicant receives approximately three requests for intrastate livery service on a daily basis.
- 8. Mr. John Bennan testified in support of the applicant. Mr. Brennan operates a funeral home but does not have his own fleet of limousines. He would like to use the applicant to provide transportation services for his business.
- 9. Denise Dugan also testified for the applicant. Ms. Dugan uses the applicant for interstate transportation now. She would like to call the applicant for the five to six intrastate trips she takes each month. She has had problems with livery services that have arrived late or not at all, unprofessional drivers and vehicles that not mechanically sound.
- 10. Adam Colagrossi, a long time customer, testified in support of the applicant. Mr. Colagrossi would like to use the applicant a few times a month for instate transportation. He prefers using the applicant based on his past experiences.
- 11. There was no opposition to the application.

#### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

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.

In support of financial wherewithal, the applicant provided financial information that shows that the applicant owns three motor vehicles outright which are valued at \$93,720. The applicant pays an annual cost of \$17,094 to insure its vehicles. The applicant's April bank statement shows a balance of \$30,263.78. Therefore, the applicant is financially suitable to operate the proposed business.

With regard to suitability, the applicant provided the requisite criminal conviction history forms for both Frank and Shawnda Barbosa, the only members of the company. The criminal history forms show no criminal convictions. The applicant has been operating in interstate livery since 2001 without incident. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven the requisite suitability to operate the proposed service.

As part of the requirements that must be met for a livery permit to be granted, the applicant

must show that public convenience would be improved by the service. To show the need for the service, the applicant presented three witnesses who each testified in support of the applicant. There was also testimony presented on the inadequacies of other livery services. In addition, the applicant submitted trip referrals for some of the intrastate trips it could not perform. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will be granted authority to operate three motor vehicles in general livery service.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of East Coast Limousine, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 2886 is reissued as follows:

#### LIVERY PERMIT NO. 2886 FOR THE OPERATION OF LIVERY SERVICE

East Coast Limousine, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate three (3) motor vehicles, each having a seating capacity of ten (10) adults or less, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Waterbury.

East Coast Limousine, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles for the transportation of passengers in special and charter operations in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of Certificate Number MC-414696.

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 there under for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

This permit shall remain in effect until 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 the rules, regulations and orders of the department may from time to time prescribe thereunder.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be kept conspicuously posted in the motor vehicles operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 30th day of May 2007.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DOCKET NO. 0111-I-107-L
REGISTRATION OF FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY

#### INTRODUCTION

By application (given Docket No. 0111-I-107-L) filed with the Connecticut Department of Transportation on November 31, 2001, East Coast Limousine L.L.C. of Waterbury seeks approval to register its Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authority, as authorized and contained therein in Certificate No. MC-414696, issued on October 2, 2001.

After consideration by the Department, the instant application is hereby approved without hearing and Livery Permit No. 2886 is issued to East Coast Limousine L.L.C. in the following form:

# PERMIT NO. 2886 FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN INTERSTATE SERVICE

East Coast Limousine L.L.C. is permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of Certificate No. MC-414696.

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 the rules, regulations and orders of the Department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke this Permit.

This Permit is transferable only with the approval of the Department.

Memorandum of this Permit, bearing the seal of the Department, shall be kept conspicuously posted in the motor vehicles operated hereunder.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut, this 30th day of November, 2001.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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