

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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#### **DOCKET NO. 1906-N-76-HG**

RE: APPLICATION OF TWO BROTHERS MOVING, LLC DBA TWO BROTHERS MOVING 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 MIDDLETOWN.

**DECISION** 

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2019** 

#### I. INTRODUCTION

## A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on June 5, 2019, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1906-N-76-HG, Two Brothers Moving, LLC dba Two Brothers Moving (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 63 Aresco Drive, Middletown, Connecticut 06457 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 Middletown.

#### B. <u>Hearing Held</u>

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held at the administrative office of the Department, in Newington, Connecticut, on September 12, 2019.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390. Notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

The matter was heard by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17.

#### C. Appearances

Christopher Aresco appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 63 Aresco Drive, Middletown, Connecticut 06457.

#### II. FINDING OF FACT

- 1. The applicant is seeking to operate a household moving service from a headquarters in Middletown.
- 2. Mr. Aresco has worked for the past six years as the Director of Finance for the Middlesex Habitat for Humanity. As part of his job, he oversees all financial matters. He will continue in this position even if the certificate is granted.
  - 3. The applicant has undergraduate and graduate degrees in business and marketing.
- 4. To generate business the applicant will work with local realtors to get potential clients.

- 5. The applicant has \$113,743 in a Santander Bank account.
- 6. The applicant will be operating a 2019 Ford F650 Box Truck which is financed. The fair market of the vehicle is \$68,255.
- 7. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes advertising costs of \$350, insurance costs of \$2,514, box equipment cost of \$20,548, property tax of \$755, cell phone cost of \$300, vehicle financing cost of \$17,286 and equipment costs of \$910.
  - 8. The applicant will hire additional staff as need.
  - 9. The applicant will focus on all small moves.
  - 10. Mr. Aresco has no criminal record.
  - 11. This application was not opposed.

## 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, the criminal history of the applicant, the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways, pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The first criterion to be taken into account is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting the certificate. This application was not opposed by any existing motor carrier so it appears that there would not be any effect on the existing motor carrier facilities if this application were granted.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's first six months of start-up costs includes advertising costs of \$350, insurance costs of \$2,514, box cost of \$20,548, property tax of \$755, cell phone cost of \$300, vehicle financing of \$17,286 and equipment costs of \$910 for a total expense of \$42,663. The applicant has \$113,743 in a bank account, which is sufficient to cover these costs and therefore the applicant

is financially suitable.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Christopher Aresco and no record was found. Mr. Aresco has degrees in business and oversees finances for the Habitat for Humanity. 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 and the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways. The applicant plans to operate one box truck to perform this service, which will have little effect on the public or highways. The applicant is familiar with moving goods from his work with Habitat for Humanity and can efficiently perform the service.

Based upon the evidence presented, the applicant has proven all of the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate in household good moving.

## IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Two Brothers Moving, LLC dba Two Brothers Moving is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1804 is issued as follows:

# CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1804 TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Two Brothers Moving, LLC dba Two Brothers Moving 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 Middletown.

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 sixty (60) days from the date of this decision. Failure to do so may result in a revocation of authority.

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

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

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 13th day of September 2019.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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