

DECISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER FOR WALES

NPV Commercials UK Ltd – OG2010946

Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 ("the Act")

Decisions made in respect of an application for an operator's licence by NPV Commercials UK Ltd, OG2010946

1. The Applicant has failed to satisfy that it is of good repute, section 13A(2)(b) and schedule 3 of the Act.

2. The applicant has failed to satisfy me that it meets the requirement to be of appropriate financial standing, section 13A(2)(c) of the Act and Article 7 of the EC Regulation 1071/2009.

3. The application for an operator's licence is refused.

Attendance at Public Inquiry

• No-one attended the public inquiry, although in fairness to the sole director, Nathan Vernall, prior to the public inquiry being held he indicated that he thought application had not been granted and he no longer sought a licence.

Issues of concern:

• Nathan Vernall previously applied for a PSV operator's licence as a director of Universal Transport Solutions Ltd, PG2009034. This was refused at public inquiry on 14 March 2013. Nathan Vernall failed to attend the hearing.

- Nathan Vernall also applied for a PSV operator's licence in his own name, this was refused at a public inquiry on 13 July 2018. The application reference is PG1115448.
- This application was called to a preliminary hearing on 7 September 2018 but noone attended. As a result I convened a public inquiry.
- The application form GV79 did not declare Nathan Vernall's involvement in a licence application that had previously been refused at public inquiry. He also failed to declare the application made in his personal name.
- Nathan Vernall failed to declare his involvement with UTS Cars and Commercials Ltd, a company that was liquidated on 13 June 2016.
- Nathan Vernall's failures to attend hearings and failures to disclose his licence application history gives rise to concern.
- I give Nathan Vernall notice that whilst each case will be dealt with on its merits, he is on clear notice that if he ever seeks to be involved in any future application, he must be fulsome in declaring his history. Additionally it is unacceptable to simply fail to attend a hearing. Operator licensing is based on trust and those who seek to enter a regulated environment need to adhere to the rules that apply. He would need to demonstrate that he is capable of being compliant.

Nick Jones Traffic Commissioner Comisiynydd Trafnidiaeth

19 November 2018