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WAPA Governing Board Approves Extension for Diesel Supply Contract

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority’s (“WAPA” or “Authority”) Governing Board met today and approved an extension of the existing diesel supply contract with Borinken at the same terms and conditions as the current contract through March 31, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$19,000,000. Votes were as follows: Chairman Fleming – Yes, Member Turnbull – Abstained, Member Boynes-Jackson – Yes, Member Selwood – Yes, Secretary Young – Absent.

Board members also discussed St. Croix’s ongoing potable water crisis and efforts being taken by the Authority and collaborating agencies in the near and long term to improve water quality for St. Croix customers. An update on the Randolph Harley Power Plant (RHPP) New Generation Project was provided by Chief Operating Officer, Ashley Bryan, who also highlighted the Authority’s Wartsila maintenance plan and goal to ensure WAPA employees are fully trained on Wartsila unit operation. Lastly, the Authority noted September 2023 marked another month of safe workplace practices, with no injuries to report.

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About WAPA: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.

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