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Construction Work Resumes for Midland Underground Project Monday March 6, 2023

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) would like to advise the public that construction work will resume on Monday, March 6, 2023, for the Midland Underground Project. Work will be ongoing Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm in manholes on Route 663 between Melvin Evans Highway and Queen Mary Highway.

The Midland Underground Project runs along Route 663 from Melvin Evans Highway, to Queen Mary Highway, and includes the location of the Gregory E. Willocks Substation. This project will replace four overhead distribution lines with underground duct banks. Underground infrastructure significantly decreases the impact of windstorm events to our electrical system and vastly reduces restoration time during such events.

No road closures will be associated with the construction; however, motorists are asked to exercise caution. The Authority thanks the public for its cooperation.

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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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