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**INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMES WAPA GENERAL COUNSEL AND
ELECTRIC SYSTEM DIRECTOR OF TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION**

Interim Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Noel Hodge today announced the selection of Dionne G. Sinclair as General Counsel and Ashley M. Bryan as Director of Transmission and Distribution for the electric system.

"I am elated to make the announcement of these two very competent and dedicated women to key leadership positions within the Authority. Both have been serving as interim leaders, and following their completion of an interview process, we have determined they are the best candidates to lead their respective divisions," Hodge said.

Attorney Sinclair joined the Authority as Deputy General Counsel in 2020 having spent years in the public and private sectors. She is a former Assistant Attorney General at the V.I. Justice Department. While residing in New York she held positions with The Chandler Law Firm, was founder and principal of her own firm, served as a senior associate with White, Fleischer & Fino and as an Assistant District Attorney.

Licensed to practice law in the Virgin Islands, New York and New Jersey, Attorney Sinclair holds a Juris Doctor from the University of California at Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and History from the University of Pennsylvania. As General Counsel, Attorney Sinclair will oversee the Authority's legal and contracting departments.

Ashley M. Bryan first joined WAPA in 2014 as an Electrical Engineer I and has an impeccable record of achievement and growth within the Authority. She was promoted in 2017 to Electrical Engineer II and later that year to System Planning Manager. She has served as interim T&D Director since February and has more than 12 years of work experience in electrical engineering. She has held positions with URS, Corp in Maryland and Wind Turbine and Energy Cables, in Florida.

In her new position, Ms. Bryan will organize and structure activities of the division, coordinate spending projections, project development, project reporting and activities related to FEMA disaster recovery projects. Her position oversees the work of the Line Department in both districts and manages all operations relating to the electric grid including leading system outage restoration efforts.

Bryan holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Florida and a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from the University of Tampa.

“Over the past few months, Attorney Sinclair and Director Bryan have both demonstrated their ability to lead their respective offices and divisions with a high level of competence. I thank them for their willingness to serve and congratulate them on their appointments,” Hodge added.

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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.