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St. Thomas/St. John District Avoids Rotational Outage Yesterday

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands (11.21.2025) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “the Authority”) is pleased to share that power was maintained across the St. Thomas–St. John district, yesterday, thanks to strong collaboration and support from partners and the community.

With limited generation available yesterday, WAPA prepared a rotational outage schedule as a precaution to protect the grid and keep the majority of customers powered.

WAPA expresses gratitude and recognizes the support of private partners, including our large commercial and residential customers, who switched to alternate power sources to help maintain load demand. Their cooperation demonstrates the strength of partnership between the public and private sectors.

This experience reinforces the need to diversify the energy system on St. Thomas and St. John. Reliance on maritime deliveries of fuel makes the district more susceptible to operational and supply disruptions.

On St. Croix, operations continued without interruption because of the Spanish Town, Petronella, and Hogensborg solar farms that met daytime demand, with battery storage providing support after sunset.

Expanding renewable energy and greater system flexibility in the St. Thomas–St. John district—similar to the progress made on St. Croix—will benefit the entire Territory. A more diversified system means better reliability for families and businesses.

WAPA extends thanks to its plant teams and staff for their rapid coordination and communication, and to the community for their understanding and partnership as we continue moving the Territory toward a stronger, more resilient energy future.

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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.