



# THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER & POWER AUTHORITY CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS NEWS RELEASE

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*Figure 1: WAPA personnel on site troubleshooting and removing damaged cable out of manhole, as part of repairs to Feeder 13.*

## **Authority Successfully Repairs Feeder 13 and Restores Electrical Service to St. Thomas/St. John**

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) would like to announce the successful completion of repairs to Feeder 13, resulting in the full restoration of electrical service to all feeders on both St. Thomas and St. John.

The Authority recognizes the patience and understanding of the community during this challenging time and is immensely grateful for the continued support, amidst multiple setbacks. The restoration of electrical service would not have been possible without the dedication and tireless efforts of the Authority’s hardworking employees. Their commitment to restoring power safely is a testament to their professionalism and unwavering dedication to the community. The Authority would also like to extend a special thank you to our valued partners, Electrical Conductors LLC and Haugland VI, whose expertise and collaboration were crucial in overcoming the challenges faced during the restoration process as they provided additional crew members to assist in the repairs.

The Authority remains committed to enhancing the electrical infrastructure and systems of the Virgin Islands to better serve the community and to minimize the impact of any future disruptions. To learn more about the efforts throughout the week, please visit our YouTube page for a series of interviews of our team @viwaterandpowerauthority.

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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.