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WAPA Takes Steps to Minimize Impact of Fuel Supply Delays on Customers

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – September 7, 2024 – The Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority (“WAPA” or the “Authority”) announces unexpected delays of the diesel delivery initially scheduled for today for the St. Thomas/St. John district. Securing fuel for the Virgin Islands is a complex and coordinated effort that involves several critical steps to ensure safety, efficiency, and reliability throughout the process.

Fuel delivery was delayed due to high demand at the fuel terminal in Puerto Rico that prevented the fuel barge from loading, causing a later-than-expected shipment. Despite delays, loading of the barge is anticipated later today and expected to unload tomorrow on St. Thomas which typically takes several hours, though this can vary depending on weather and sea conditions.

Every step in our fuel delivery process reflects our dedication to safety and reliability, highlighting the extensive efforts made to ensure a steady supply of fuel for the Virgin Islands. However, due to current challenges, a temporary rotational outage schedule is in effect for the St. Thomas/St. John district and will continue into Sunday, only if necessary.

With additional propane units now in operation and contributions from solar energy sources, WAPA personnel are closely monitoring generation capacity against load demand. As a result of the increased availability of these resources, we have adjusted the previously announced outage schedule. This has allowed us to delay implementing the earlier plan, demonstrating our ongoing focus to minimizing any impact on our customers.

Should load demand exceed the current generation capacity, the following feeders will be affected:

<u>Saturday, 9/7/2024</u>	<u>4:00 PM- 6:00 PM</u>	<u>Feeder 8B</u>
<u>12:00 PM – 2:00 PM</u>	<u>Feeder 9C</u>	<u>8:00 PM – 10:00 PM</u>
<u>Feeder 7A</u>	<u>Feeder 7B</u>	<u>Feeder 6B</u>
<u>Feeder 7E</u>	<u>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</u>	<u>Feeder 7A</u>
<u>2:00 PM – 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Feeder 10B</u>	<u>Feeder 7E</u>
<u>Feeder 7C</u>	<u>Feeder 8A</u>	<u>Feeder 7C</u>
<u>Feeder 9E</u>	<u>Feeder 6A</u>	

We extend apologies to the community and appreciate the patience and commitment to continue to reduce power consumption until inventory levels have been normalized.

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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.