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WAPA WELCOMES NEW CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is pleased to announce Mr. Michael Sharp has joined the organization as its Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Sharp brings over two decades of expertise in operations, engineering, and asset management of power generating assets and associated transmission infrastructure. Mr. Sharp has focused throughout his career on transformational leadership to develop effective organizations and maximize the long-term value of assets.

Mr. Sharp most recently led operations for the Texas and New England assets of Talen Energy. Prior to joining Talen Energy, Mr. Sharp co-founded and led an energy management company focused on organized energy markets. Previously, at Dynegy, Inc. he was responsible for the commercial operations and profitability of a large fleet of generation serving six U.S. markets. Mr. Sharp spent the majority of his earlier career with Duke Energy where he advanced from the role of staff engineer to plant manager, and then assumed roles of increasing leadership and responsibilities including managing Duke Energy's commercial generation fleet.

"The WAPA family welcomes Mike to the team, and we are looking forward to his leadership as we address the challenges that the Authority faces," said Andrew Smith, CEO and Executive Director. "We have a wealth of knowledge and experience within the organization, and Mike will help us realize the maximum benefit from the significant talent within the Water and Power Authority as we work to improve service and lower cost for the community," he added.

Mr. Sharp is a graduate of Vanderbilt University with a Masters of Finance. He also earned an MBA from Xavier University and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to attending college, Mr. Sharp began his energy career serving in the U.S. Navy nuclear power program.

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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