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**Authority Announces Chief Operating Officer Resigns**

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“Authority”) has announced the resignation of Michael Sharp, Chief Operating Officer - Electric. Mr. Sharp’s last day will be on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Despite Mr. Sharp’s short tenure at the Authority, seven (7) months, his restructuring of operations at the power plants have led to improved operational efficiency, increased productivity, and better alignment of employee roles to skills through internal development and promotion.

“I wholeheartedly believe in the Authority’s strategic plan that was drafted earlier last year. This plan is the path to financial stability for the Authority, diversification of energy sources in the Virgin Islands, and, most importantly, to the benefit of the people,” stated Michael Sharp. “Further, the investment opportunity in solar energy on St. Croix will be a game-changer for the territory,” added Sharp.

Following Mr. Sharp’s departure, Ashley Bryan, Director of Transmission and Distribution will be the Interim Chief Operating Officer - Electric.

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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.

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