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WAPA to Complete Overnight Repair on Unit 27 to Increase Generation Capacity

ST. THOMAS -ST. JOHN, U.S. Virgin Islands (June 30, 2026) – Tonight at approximately **12:00 a.m.**, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “the Authority”) will temporarily take Unit 27 offline to install a replacement component that recently arrived on St. Thomas. As previously announced on [June 23, 2026](#), repair is an important step toward increasing the unit's generation capacity and significantly improving its performance and reliability.

The installation is expected to take approximately five hours and has been scheduled during the overnight hours when electricity demand is at its lowest. WAPA does not anticipate any impact to customers during the work. However, because Unit 27 will be temporarily unavailable, an unexpected trip or failure of another generating unit could require one-hour rotating service interruptions in parts of the St. Thomas-St. John district.

To support the community celebrations taking place this week, WAPA has planned the work to avoid service interruptions on St. John and maintain reliable service for the island's festivities.

WAPA appreciates the community's continued patience as crews complete this critical repair. While the work requires a brief period of reduced generation, it represents meaningful progress toward a stronger, more reliable electric system for the district.

For real-time updates, customers are encouraged to sign up for WAPA Alerts at <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736728730/new>.

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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.