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Planned Outage for Feeder 13 Bypass Project Rescheduled for September 13

St. Thomas-St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands (September 9, 2026) – The Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority ("WAPA" or "the Authority") advises customers on the eastern portion of St. Thomas and throughout St. John that the planned outage for the Feeder 13 Bypass Project, previously scheduled for August 30, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., weather permitting.

The outage will affect the following feeders:

Feeders 9E, 8E, 7E, 9C, 7C, 10B, portion of 7B (Raphune Hill to Tabor & Harmony), and the Mall.

The planned work is intended to support the remaining steps needed to place the new bypass into service. Once energized, the bypass will give WAPA greater flexibility in managing the electric system and responding to system needs.

The Feeder 13 Bypass Project is a major system improvement designed to provide WAPA with an additional transmission pathway when the Feeder 13 underground transmission line is unavailable due to maintenance, emergencies, or equipment issues. Funded through approximately $17 million in FEMA assistance, the project is expected to enhance operational flexibility and strengthen the electrical system, providing an additional option to support service continuity for approximately 37,600 customers across the St. Thomas-St. John district.

After approximately two years of planning, engineering, and construction, the scheduled outage marks a significant milestone for the Feeder 13 Bypass Project. WAPA appreciates the community's continued understanding and support as the project moves toward completion.

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Communications Department is committed to reaching, informing, and connecting with the youngest members of the community to the eldest through meaningful, transparent, and effective communication.

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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.