



# THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER & POWER AUTHORITY CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS PRESS STATEMENT

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## WAPA OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (Nov. 5, 2025) – At the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA), we recognize that the ongoing federal government shutdown—caused by political gridlock in Washington—has created serious hardship for many hardworking Virgin Islanders. We understand that these circumstances are beyond your control, and we want to assure you that our community stands with you during this period of financial uncertainty.

If you are a federal employee directly affected and are having difficulty meeting your utility payments, please visit any of our Customer Service offices. Our representatives are ready to listen and work with you to make appropriate arrangements during this challenging time.

We appreciate your continued commitment to our community, and we're here to support you.

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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.