

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE
UNITED STATES**

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE:)	
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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER and POWER)	Docket No. 620
AUTHORITY'S AVOIDED COST STUDY)	Order No. <u>43/2014</u>
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ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2013, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or the “Authority”) filed with the Public Services Commission (“PSC” or “Commission”) Petitions for the Electric and Water Departments for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in Order No. 50/2013 the Commission ordered that WAPA file supporting documentation associated with its avoided cost study; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2013, the Commission voted to appoint Attorney Andrew C. Simpson as Hearing Examiner to preside over the proceedings for Docket 620: WAPA’s Avoided Cost Study; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2014, the Commission received a Notice of Scope and Schedule and an Amended Notice of Scope and Schedule from the Hearing Examiner, Attorney Andrew C. Simpson; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2014, the Commission received a Petition to Amend or in Alternative to Stay the Amended Notice of Scope and Schedule; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2014, the PSC’s Staff submitted a Response to WAPA’s Petition to Amend or in the Alternative to Stay the Amended Notice of Scope and Schedule; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2014, the Commission received TCG Global, LLC/Pungitore Energy Development, LLC’s Response to WAPA’s Petition to Amend or in the Alternative to Stay the Amended Notice of Scope and Schedule; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2014, the Commission received the Reply of WAPA to the Response of the PSC Staff to WAPA’s to Amend or in the Alternative to Stay the Amended Notice of Scope and Schedule; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2014, a Stipulation Recommending the Adoption of Interim Avoided Costs Rates was drafted and signed by WAPA and the PSC Staff, but was not accepted by TCG Global, which submitted separate comments; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2014, the Commission a received the Hearing Examiner’s Report and Recommendations for the Adoption of Interim Avoided Rates; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2014 the Commission met in regular session at its both offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received the report of the Hearing Examiner, and testimony and comments from WAPA, the PSC Staff and TCG; and

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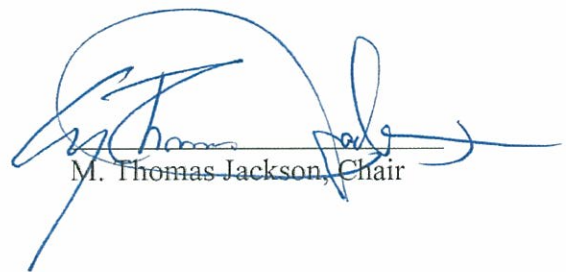
NOW THEREFORE, upon review and deliberation the Commission moved and it is so

ORDERED that:

1. The Commission **ADOPTS** as the Interim Avoided Cost rates the rates set forth in the 2014 Avoided Cost Study; and further
2. Sets these Interim Avoided Cost rates as effective until at least December 31, 2014, or until replaced or revoked; and further
3. Directs that the Hearing Examiner shall submit a Report and Recommendation to the Commission for its consideration in December 2014.

So Ordered.

Dated: July 31, 2014



M. Thomas Jackson, Chair