

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE	)	Docket No. 633
	)	Order No. <u>53</u>/2014
APPLICATION OF VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE	)	
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR EMERGENCY	)	
RELIEF FROM CONDITIONS IN PSC ORDER	)	
NO. 20/2008 FOR AN INCREASED WASTEWATER	)	
USER FEE	)	
	)	

ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2008, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission ("hereinafter "PSC" or "Commission") conditionally approved the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority's (hereinafter "Authority" or "WMA") Application for Wastewater User Fee (hereinafter "WUF") on a temporary basis and rejected the Environmental User Fee in PSC Order No. 20/2008, Docket 554; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2014, WMA submitted to the PSC an Application for Emergency Relief from the Conditions in PSC Order No. 20/2008 for an Increased WUF; and

WHEREAS, in WMA's Application, the Authority made the following requests:

1. That the Commission grant a twelve month reprieve from the PSC's provisions in Order No. 20/2008 to allow the Authority to respond to these requirements; and
2. That the Authority be allowed this 12 month period to address certain budgetary and financial constraints, to assess the WUF rate increase on the next property tax bill; and
3. The Commission provides such other relief as is fair, just and equitable; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2014, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission held a Special Meeting in both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the Authority's Petition, the PSC's technical consultant made the following recommendations:

1. The PSC approve VIWMA's request for emergency relief from the provisions in Order No. 20/2008 for a period of twelve months; and
2. That the PSC also approve the WUF for the twelve-month period requested by the Authority; and
3. The ERU should be re-evaluated no later than June 1, 2015.

WHEREAS, upon review and deliberation, the Commission voted to APPROVE the technical consultant's recommendations and WMA's Application for Emergency Relief from the Conditions in PSC Order No. 20/2008 for an Increased Wastewater User Fee, conditionally approve the WUF for the requested twelve month period and implement a deadline of June 1, 2015, for the Equivalent Residential Unit (hereinafter "ERU") evaluation; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. WMA's Application for Emergency Relief from the Conditions in PSC Order No. 20/2008 for twelve months is **APPROVED**.
2. WMA's request for the WUF for a twelve month period is **APPROVED**.
3. The ERU evaluation has a deadline of June 1, 2015.

So Ordered.

For Commission

Dated: September 18, 2014



M. Thomas Jackson, Chair