

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

Public Services Commission

IN RE:

Rate Investigation –)
Varlack Ventures, Inc. and)
Transportation Services of St. John, Inc.)

PSC DOCKET NO. 573

ORDER NUMBER: 09/2008

ORDER

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2007, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (“PSC” or “Commission”) met in regular session at the PSC Offices in Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 30, section 20, the Commission has the authority to investigate the rates and services of any public utility under its jurisdiction;¹

WHEREAS, Varlack Ventures, Inc. and Transportation Services of St John, Inc. (hereinafter “Varlack” and “Transportation Services” respectively) are considered public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission;

WHEREAS, after deliberation and review the Commission found the financial submissions of both Varlack and Transportation Services to be inadequate;

WHEREAS, after deliberation and review the Commission found significant lapses in the provision of services by Varlack and Transportation Services;

WHEREAS, the Commission voted unanimously to begin a formal rate investigation;

¹ Title 30, section 20 provides *inter alia*:

Upon its own initiative or upon reasonable complaint made against any public utility that any of the rates, tolls, charges, or schedules, or services, or time and conditions of payment, or any joint rate or rates, schedules, or services, are in any respect unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or any service in connection therewith, is in any respect unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory, or that any service is inadequate or cannot be obtained, or any billing for service inaccurate or erroneous the Commission may, in its discretion, proceed, with or without notice, to make such investigation as it may deem necessary or convenient. But no order affecting said rates, tolls, charges, schedules, regulations, or act complained of shall be entered by the Commission without a formal hearing.

30 V.I.C. § 20(a) (2007).

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion to order a formal rate investigation to determine if the rates and services of Varlack Ventures, Inc. and Transportation Services of St. John, Inc. are reasonable, just and non-discriminatory is **GRANTED**.

Dated: December 11 2007

FOR THE COMMISSION

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JOSEPH B. BOSCHULTE

Chair