

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

Public Services Commission

In Re:)

Water and Power Authority LEAC Charge)

PSC DOCKET No. 289

Order No. 49/2008

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter, "PSC" or the "Commission") received a petition (hereinafter "Petition") from the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (hereinafter "the Authority") on June 4, 2008, wherein the Authority requested a suspension of the line loss benchmarks and an extension of time to comply with the line loss benchmarks set by the PSC in this docket; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received this petition after the agenda for the Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting was issued; and

WHEREAS, the issue of line loss dates back several years, including specific agreements with the Commission in 2003, 2004, and 2006 to reduce line losses; and

WHEREAS, the issue of line loss controls affects the reasonableness and prudence of the fuel expenses sought to be recovered in rates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission met in regular session in the PSC's offices in Barbel Plaza on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on June 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, upon deliberation and consideration, the Commission voted to consolidate WAPA's Petition for the Extension of Line Loss with the Authority's Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause ("LEAC") investigations in Docket 289 and be considered and adjudicated in subsequent LEAC proceedings but in no event to exceed eight (8) months from the date of the filing of the petition; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Petition for the Extension of Line Loss Benchmarks be consolidated with the LEAC investigations of Docket 289 and be considered and adjudicated in subsequent LEAC proceedings but in no event to exceed eight (8) months from the date of the filing of the petition.

Dated 26/10, 2008

FOR THE COMMISSION



Joseph B. Boschulte
Chair