

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

Public Services Commission

In re

The Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority)	Docket No. 651 and 652
Petition for Permanent Electric System)	Order No. <u>25</u> /2016
Base Rate Relief (<i>Docket 651</i>))	
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And)	
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The Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority)	
Petition for Permanent Water System)	
Base Rate Relief (<i>Docket 652</i>))	
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ORDER

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2015, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (hereinafter "WAPA" or "Authority"), filed two Petitions with the Virgin Islands Public Services (hereinafter "Commission" or "PSC") seeking permanent Electric and Water Systems base rate relief effective on bills issued on or after July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015, the Commission met in regular session at both its offices on St. Croix and St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, PSC Staff recommended the appointment of Attorney Bennett Chan as hearing examiner for both dockets; and

WHEREAS, Section 24 of Title 30 of the Virgin Islands Code provides that applications for new rates may be suspended for a period of up to eight (8) months from the date of filing, which permits the investigation, review, and deliberation of the requested base rates for the electric and water systems.


NOW THEREFORE, the Commission **ORDERS** that

1. Bennett Chan is appointed as the hearing examiner in both Dockets 651 and 652; and
2. That the requested rates be **SUSPENDED** for a period not to exceed eight (8) months from the date of filing.

So Ordered.

For the Commission

Date: January 13, 2016



Johann Clendenin, Chair