

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

*Public Services Commission*

*In re:*

<b>The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority</b>	)	Docket No. 660
<b>Petition for Emergency Interim Electric Base Rate Relief</b>	)	Order No. <u>57/2016</u>
	)	

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2016, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (hereinafter "WAPA" or the "Authority") filed a Petition for Emergency Interim Electric Base Rate Relief with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter "PSC" or "Commission") seeking the granting of a cash reserve surcharge effective on bills issued on or after June 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2016, the Authority filed additional documents with the Commission in support of its request for an emergency cash reserve surcharge; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2016, Trafigura Trading LLC (hereinafter "Trafigura") filed a Petition to Intervene in the proceedings with the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2016, WAPA filed an Opposition to Trafigura's Petition to Intervene and Trafigura filed a Reply to WAPA's Opposition; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2016, the Commission held a Special Meeting in both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review and deliberation the Commission voted SUSPEND WAPA's Petition for Emergency Interim Electric Base Rate Relief, to permit reasonable investigation and to consolidate the Petition for Emergency Interim Electric Base Rate Relief, docket 660 and the Motion to Intervene with the pending base rate cases and refer the matter to the Hearing Examiner in those matters; and

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

1. The Petition for Emergency Cash Reserve is SUSPENDED for the statutory period;
2. The Petition and Docket 660, including the Motion to Intervene, are consolidated with the pending base rate cases and referred to the Hearing Examiner in those matters.

*So Ordered.*

Date: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

For the Commission

  
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Andrew Rutnik, Vice-Chair