

*Committee on Energy and
Environmental Protection
Senator Sammuel Sanes,
Chairman*

REVISED II
AGENDA

*Wednesday, April 8, 2015
Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room, St. Croix VI*

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please be advised the Bill No. 31-0067 has been added to the Agenda.

Bill No. 31-0067

An Act amendment title 12 Virgin Islands Code sections 1143 (c) (2) and 1152 (a), as amended by Act No. 7705, relating to the definition of net metering and correcting an erroneous cross-reference citation; and repealing section 1149, as added by Act No. 7705, relating to the expiration date for residential customer generators having a generating capacity greater than 10 Kilowatts.

Sponsor : Senator Sammuel Sanes

INVITED TESTIFIERS:

Hugo Hodge, Jr.
Executive Director
Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

Mr. Bevan Smith
Managing Partner
VI Solar Depot, LLC

Bill No. 31-0004

An Act amending title 31 Virgin Islands Code, Part I. adding chapter 2 requiring notification to the public and utility companies before undertaking excavation of public or private lands and roadways.

Sponsor : Senator Janette Millin Young.

INVITED TESTIFIERS:

Hugo Hodge, Jr.
Executive Director
Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

Gustav James
Commissioner Designee
VI Department of Public Works

Larry Kupher
Chief Executive Officer
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Matt Muckelbauer
Chief Technology Officer/Senior President
Network and Operations
Innovative

Tom Bolt, ESQ.
Attorney
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1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Virgin Islands Water and
Power Authority**

Executive Director Hugo Hodge

- The Propane Project
- The current cost of electricity in the Virgin Islands
- An explanation in regards to why the territory has not seen a corresponding decrease in the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause (LEAC) fuel consumption fee despite the drastic reduction of the price of oil in the world market which has declined 50% from June 2014 to January 2015
- Authorizing and directing the VI Water and Power Authority to give priority to local private and public suppliers in the bidding process for biofuel
- Authorizing the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to conduct a cost and feasibility study for the privatization of its facilities, production and services
- Requiring the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) to conduct a cost and feasibility analysis of the privatization of the administrative dealings of WAPA
- Price per barrel of oil
- Shipping and handling fees for oil
- Third party fees of oil
- All other fees incurred for the purchase of gas

The Energy Office
Director Elmo Roebuck

- Update on present and past projects

The Public Service Commission
Acting Director Donald Cole

- Analysis on the cost of oil in the world market versus the decrease that is being passed on to the consumers
- Provide detailed information to the public so that they may better understand how the rates are regulated

4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

**USVI Renewable Energy Feasibility Study/Hydro Pump Storage
Concept By Chris Elliot**

5:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned