2026 Fiscal Year Budget Presentation

Virgin Islands Public Services Commission

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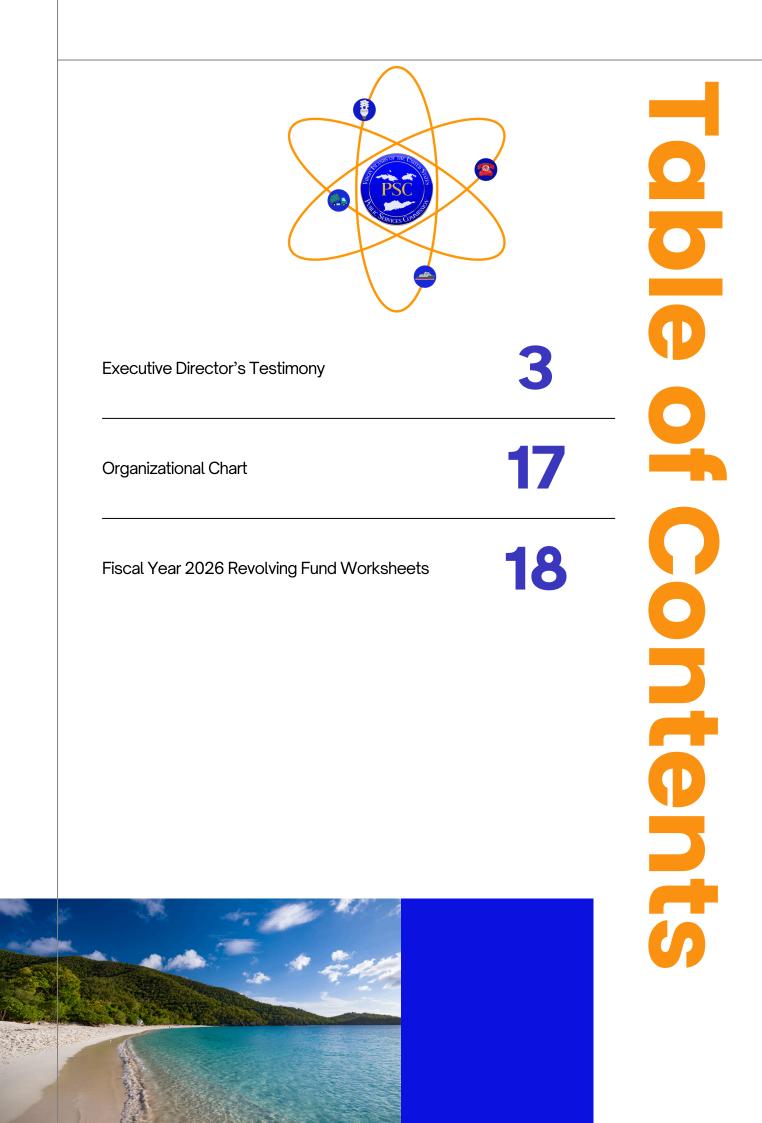




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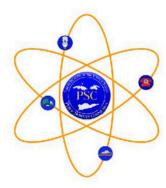








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The Honorable Senator Novelle E. Francis Jr. Chair, Committee on Budget, Appropriation, and Finance 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States Capital Building P. O. Box 1690 St. Thomas, VI 00804

#### Reference: Transmittal of the Public Services Commission's FY 2026 Budget

Dear Senator Francis: To the honorable members of the Committee: Chairman Francis, Vice Chair Blyden, Senator DeGraff, Senator Fonseca, Senator Frederick, and Senator Vialet, Senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature present, legislative staff, my Public Services Commission (PSC) family, and the listening and viewing audiences, good morning.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am Sandra Setorie, the executive director of the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission. We are pleased to present our annual budget report. It is prepared to provide you the members of the 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature and the residents of the Virgin Islands with a narrative review of significant trends and factors impacting the proposed budget and highlight areas of importance in the financial section. It further provides an overview of our priorities and the work we are undertaking to ensure fair, efficient, and accountable regulation of public utilities in the Virgin Islands.

Joining me today are key members of our team:

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We extend our sincere gratitude to the esteemed members of the Commission: Chairman Pedro Williams, Esq., Vice Chairman David Hughes, Clement Magras, Laura Nichols-Samms, and Raymond Williams, *ex-officio* members Senator Hubert Frederick and Senator Carla J. Joseph, for your continued support and commitment to our mission.

As we advance into Fiscal Year 2026, we remain firmly committed to upholding the responsibilities entrusted to us, guided by our core principles of accountability, efficiency, and service to the public. Together, we look forward to discussing how our proposed budget supports the Commission's mission and to addressing any questions or concerns you may have.

The PSC plays a crucial role in ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of regulated public utility services—spanning energy, potable water, telecommunications, waste management, wastewater and franchised marine transportation systems—across the Territory. The budget report reflects the Commission's continued commitment to advancing safe, reliable, and affordable public services while supporting sustainable infrastructure and addressing the evolving needs of our communities.

The Commission aims to balance the needs of ratepayers and utilities; regulate public utilities operating in the Territory ensuring the opportunity to earn fair and prudent rates of return; protect the best interest of the public, provide transparent, effective regulation, and high-quality service in a safe, secure, consistent, and resourceful manner; foster infrastructure modernization, new technologies and economic development; and adhere to the Territory's policy commitments. In addition, the Commission staff works to resolve disputes between ratepayers and utility service providers; advance the future of the agency and territory's workforce through employee training and professional development, and to educate and inform the public regarding the role and responsibilities of the agency. Public education will empower utility ratepayers with knowledge of their rights and the obligations of regulated utilities and is accomplished in part through the increased use of social media platforms to reach customers and residents.

#### Statutory Authority

The PSC's primary authority for its activity is contained in the Virgin Islands Code, Title 30, Chapter 1. The Commission is a quasi-judicial regulatory agency established under Title 3, Virgin Islands Code, Section 237.

Additional responsibilities are imposed by a variety of Acts, including but not limited to:

- Energy Act 2009 Act No. 7075, amended by Act No. 7705;
- Small Power Producers and Co-Generation Act (30 VIC, Chapter 2);
- Wireless Telecommunications Providers (30 VIC, Chapter 9);
- Tire fees Act No. 8370;
- 911 fees Acts No. 6333, 7074 and as amended; and,
- 9-8-8 fees Act No. 8957.

The Commission carries out quasi-judicial duties by conducting evidentiary hearings on the cost and quality of regulated services through, among other tools,

conducting rate investigations, exercising oversight, resolving complaints and disputes between utilities and ratepayers, and implementing legislative policies.

#### Goals

To fulfill its statutory responsibilities, the Commission has established the following primary objectives:

#### 1. Ensure Reliable Utility Services

Ensure that regulated utilities in the Virgin Islands provide reliable service to ratepayers, and require expansions, extensions, or improvements in facilities or service when necessary to serve the public interest.

### 2. Warrant Safe Electric and Water Services

Oversee the delivery of safe and dependable electric power and potable water to customers across the Territory.

## 3. Ensure Solid Waste Management

Oversee developments in solid waste disposal and management practices that balance cost, efficiency, and environmental concerns, benefiting both residents and the tourism-driven economy.

## 4. Ensure Compliance and Reliability in Wastewater and Sewage Systems

Ensure that sewage and wastewater treatment systems operate in compliance with public regulatory standards, emphasizing reliability, cost-effectiveness, operational efficiency, and environmental protection.

## 5. Regulate Passenger Ferry Services

Oversee the operation of the joint exclusive franchise for passenger ferry services between St. Thomas and St. John.

#### 6. Oversee Wireless Services and Resolve Consumer Disputes

Investigate and resolve consumer complaints related to billing and service issues with wireless providers. Monitor and support federally approved telecommunications projects aimed at strengthening, expanding, and deploying resilient, accessible infrastructure to advance the Territory's communications network and growth.

#### 7. Maintain Fair and Reasonable Rates

Strive to establish just and reasonable utility rates for consumers while allowing regulated entities the opportunity to earn a fair return on investment.

#### 8. Advance Resource Efficiency and Technological Innovation

Support the responsible use of natural and operational resources while encouraging the integration of modern technologies in utility services and consumer practices to enhance efficiency, sustainability, and service quality.

#### 9. Expedite Dispute Resolution

Facilitate the timely resolution of conflicts between consumers and utilities.

#### Rate reviews and considerations

The Public Services Commission (PSC) is responsible for reviewing rate change petitions submitted by regulated utilities; in addition, if not initiated by the utilities, the Commission must conduct a rate investigation at least once every five years.<sup>1</sup> This oversight ensures that utility rates are fair and reasonable for consumers while allowing utilities the opportunity to recover their costs and earn a fair return.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Title 30, Section 20 of the Virgin Islands Code.

To manage workload and minimize disruption to both the utilities as well as our staff, the PSC is staggering the start of these investigations over the course of the year. Each review will include a detailed analysis of financial records, cost structures, and service performance to determine whether rate adjustments are warranted. The goal is to ensure rates remain just, reasonable, and aligned with regulatory standards, while supporting the financial health and operational efficiency of utility providers.

As a key part of this process, public hearings are conducted on all islands to solicit input from stakeholders and community members before any final decisions on rate changes are made.

		RATE CASE SCHEDULE (Commencement Dates)	
2025	Docket	Utility	Hearing Examiner
FEBRUARY	691	Franchised Ferries	SFT Solutions, LLC
MARCH	708	WMA – Solid Waste	
APRIL	706	WAPA – Electric System	Genevieve Whitaker, Esq.
JULY	707	WMA - Wastewater	
AUGUST	700	WAPA – Water System	

During recent testimony before the Legislature, the Waste Management Authority (WMA) disclosed plans to implement a residential fee for solid waste collection and disposal. PSC staff informed WMA that any such rate proposal must comply with the Ratepayers' Bill of Rights, which mandates public notice—specifically through newspaper publication, as WMA does not currently distribute bills by mail. That proposal will be considered within the larger rate review process.

#### Community Commitment

The PSC is committed to transparency and public engagement. We maintain open communication with the Territory's residents, ratepayers, and regulated utilities through a robust outreach program that includes social media, traditional media, community events, public programs, and our website.

Our customer relations team is dedicated to resolving complaints efficiently and addressing utility-related concerns. At the same time, our communications team designs and implements strategic initiatives and digital content to foster meaningful connections and encourage active participation from the community.

#### Strategic Priorities and Initiatives

#### A. Enhancing Customer Service

#### • Case backlog reduction, and procedural reforms.

In 2020, the 33rd Legislature established Act 8375 (Bill No. 33-0272), the Ratepayers' Bill of Rights, authorizing the PSC to resolve ratepayers' complaints. Since the legislation, the PSC has updated and streamlined its Customer Service Rules and Regulations.

The Commission recognized an uptick in customer complaints during the migration of Liberty VI and the WAPA metering system challenges, this led to the need for specific guidelines while addressing customer complaints. From 2023 to present, the Commission received a total of the following

Complaints	2023	2024	2025	%
St. Thomas-St. John	44	176	185	24
St. Croix	23	94	97	24
Total	67	270	282	24
Pending	0	67	169	

To summarize, the Commission received four (4) times as many complaints in 2024 compared to 2023. As of mid-2025, we've already surpassed the total number of complaints received in 2024, with a quarter of the fiscal year still to go. The PSC is pleased to report that our complaint resolution rate has increased by more than 75%. Most complaints received originate from customers of the Water and Power Authority.

To further improve our resolution rate and enhance customer satisfaction, the PSC and WAPA hold weekly meetings to review all customer complaints, track the progress of ongoing investigations, and discuss matters related to customer service. These meetings are a collaborative effort aimed at raising awareness and ensuring the timely resolution of concerns.

Additionally, through open houses, "listening sessions," community outreach initiatives, and improvements to our website, the PSC has actively worked to increase public awareness of our agency and to create more effective channels for engaging with ratepayers and the utilities we regulate.

To guide this effort, we developed and widely promoted a five-step complaint resolution process. This process clearly outlines the steps ratepayers should follow to file complaints with both the PSC and service providers, ensuring transparency and accessibility for all parties involved.

#### B. Staffing and Workforce Development

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The PSC continues to adapt to the evolving workforce. At the core of the agency's strategy is a strong focus on **learning and development**, ensuring that employees stay up-to-date with new tools, systems, and developments in the regulatory realm. By promoting continuous skill development, we aim to enhance efficiency and effectiveness across the agency while increasing in-house expertise. Well-trained employees can perform their roles more effectively, which in turn boosts overall productivity.

Regular learning not only keeps employees informed but also encourages them to think critically and creatively, and we continuously experience and gain from the results of learning and development. The ongoing development helps employees gain fresh perspectives and adopt innovative approaches to problem-solving, key factors in the agency's ability to remain relevant and responsive in a changing landscape. One of the ways we facilitate this growth is by seeking training opportunities both locally and nationally, ensuring that our staff remains at the forefront of the regulatory fields.

We also nurture a **culture of learning** where employees are encouraged to share knowledge, collaborate, and mentor one another. This collaborative environment fosters growth and strengthens the team as a whole. A well-trained workforce is essential for building a strong foundation, especially when it comes to **succession planning** ensuring we have a pipeline of skilled leaders for the future. With that in mind, we recently had two staff members complete the Certified Public Managers program hosted by the Division of Personnel and the University of the Virgin Islands which equipped them with the necessary tools to serve the agency. In addition to learning and development, we are committed to **employee retention** by focusing on mentoring, engagement and motivation. Engaged employees feel more connected to the agency's mission and values, leading to greater job satisfaction and a reduced likelihood of turnover. To support this, we work to create an environment that promotes work-life balance, mental health awareness, and personal development, all of which contribute to a more stable and healthier workforce.

We highlight these efforts because we firmly believe that a well-trained, professionally developed workforce is essential to delivering exceptional service to our customers, regulated utilities, ratepayers, and the broader community.

#### PSC Funding and Budget

The Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the PSC is \$2,079,290.51, allocated to support the Commission's operations and its mission to regulate public utilities throughout the Territory. This is slightly below last year's Budget.

The Public Services Commission (PSC) is funded through an annual assessment of regulated public utilities and entities operating within the Territory, as authorized under 30 V.I.C. § 25a. According to the statute, each utility's assessment is based on its revenue ratio, calculated by dividing the utility's gross operating revenues by the total territorial gross operating revenues. The Executive Director is responsible for calculating these fees by September 1 each year. Upon Commission approval, each utility is formally notified of the amount due.

The revenue from the annual assessments – which accounts for approximately four-tenths of one percent (0.4% or 0.004) of each regulated utility's total annual revenue – is deposited into the PSC Revolving Fund at the Virgin Islands Department of

Finance's Treasury Division, with funds designated exclusively for the Commission's use.

As described earlier, this budget covers a tremendous amount of work, including rate investigations, oversight, customer service, and training activities.

#### Utility Assessments, Nonpayment Issues, and the PSC's Funding Framework

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (PSC) continues to actively oversee a wide range of essential regulatory issues, including solid waste, wastewater, electricity, water, and telecommunications.

Progress on rate investigations has been hindered in significant part by both WMA's and WAPA's failure to pay their legally mandated annual assessments, which are the primary funding source for PSC operations.

The PSC does not receive General Fund appropriations; instead, it is funded exclusively by assessments of the utilities it regulates. As a result of those nonpayments, the Commission could not responsibly engage external examiners and consultants until WMA's financial compliance was addressed.

Historically, from 2004 through 2021, WMA consistently paid its assessments. However, in 2021 it stopped doing so, claiming that legislative appropriations should not be considered part of its revenue. Virgin Islands law (Title 29 § 495), however, explicitly defines "revenue" to include appropriations. Despite filing for reconsideration in 2024, WMA's arguments were rejected and its appeal dismissed; the assessments for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 can no longer be challenged and remain due and pending. Despite the Commission's Order citing the Virgin Islands statute specifically stating that appropriations received by the Waste Management Authority are "revenue", WMA has proceeded with another legal challenge. We do not believe that this appeal can succeed, and the Commission has requested the Court to dismiss this appeal.

Similarly, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) has been delinquent in paying its assessments for FY2024 and FY2025, citing financial difficulties but without submitting any legal challenge. With recent rate adjustments improving its cash flow, the PSC expects WAPA to meet its obligations, noting that regulatory assessments have high legal priority—second only to taxes—even in bankruptcy. We also note that WAPA's rates (both base and LEAC) are set to specifically allow WAPA to collect assessments from ratepayers. WAPA is collecting those assessments and simply not paying them to the Commission.

Since our last testimony to the Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection committee of this Legislature, the Legislature appropriated General Fund support to the PSC for FY2025, and the PSC has received those scheduled allotments to date.

To reiterate, until this fiscal year, the Public Services Commission has never been funded by direct appropriation of general fund resources. Instead, the PSC is funded by assessments of the utilities that it regulates. This approach is a long-standing method used by regulatory commissions throughout the United States and is done for two main reasons: first, the burden of the regulatory costs is borne by the benefitted parties – the regulated utilities and their customers; and second, to safeguard the Commission's independence and ensure that it can carry out its functions without undue external influence. Overall, the PSC is moving forward with a full regulatory agenda focused on improving utility services, which are vital for economic growth, tourism, environmental sustainability, and the overall quality of life for Virgin Islands residents.

#### **Conclusion**

The proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget represents the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission's continued commitment to fulfilling its statutory mandate and regulatory responsibilities in a manner that safeguards the public interest and supports the Territory's utility infrastructure. This budget enables the Commission to carry out its core functions—including rate investigations, infrastructure oversight, consumer advocacy, and public engagement—while maintaining transparency, accountability, and service reliability.

We respectfully submit this budget report to the Legislature with the goal of securing the necessary resources to meet our statutory obligations, advance regulatory excellence, and ensure that the people of the Virgin Islands receive utility services that are safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable. We look forward to your continued support as we work together to protect and enhance the quality of life in the Territory. Respectfully submitted,

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## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2026

ORG No.	OBJECT NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
60323001	511010	PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 1,011,354.00	
60323002	520000	FRINGES	\$ 418,368.35	\$ 1,429,722.3
60323003	541000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 10,650.00	
	541100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$ 4,500.00	
	541200	AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES	\$ 8,000.00	
	542000	FACILITIES REPAIRS & MAINTENACE SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	
	543100	FOOD & CATERING	\$ 19,200.00	
2	545200	REFERENCE, MANUALS, AND PERIODICALS	\$ 14,069.92	
	546000	DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE	\$ 18,000.00	
	546100	UNIFORM AND CLOTHING	\$ 2,000.00	
	542100	SMALL TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$ 4,310.00	\$ 81,029.9
60323004	532000	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 20,012.00	
	532100	AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS & MAINT.	\$ 6,380.00	
	533000	RENT LAND/ BUILDING	\$ 128,585.04	
	533020	RENTAL OF MACHINES/EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00	
	534000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 72,163.20	
	534100	SECURITY SERVICES	\$ 1,980.00	
	534110	TRAINING	\$ 18,725.00	
	535000	COMMUNICATION	\$ 38,456.00	
	535010	ADVERTISING / PROMOTION	\$ 10,500.00	
	536000	TRANSPORTATION - NOT TRAVEL	\$ 550.00	
	560000	TRAVEL	\$ 120,187.00	
	561000	INSURANCE	\$ 8,500.00	
	564100	OTHER SERVICES / NOC	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 447,038.2
60323005	530000	ELECTRICITY	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.0
60323007	575000	MACH, EQUIP, MISC.	\$ 85,500.00	\$ 85,500.0
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 2,079,290.5

PERSONNEL SERVICES : ST. THOMAS/ST.JOHN	SALARY
General Counsel	\$ 140,000.00
Assistant Executive Director	\$ 85,000.00
Account Maintenance Officer	\$ 79,349.00
Human Resource Personnel & IT Manager	\$ 77,500.00
Assistant to Accounts Maintenance Officer	\$ 65,000.00
Public Communication Coordinator	\$ 61,000.00
Legal Support Specialist	\$ 53,500.00
Utility Staff Assistant	\$ 45,000.00
Administrative Officer I	\$ 40,000.00
Temporary Employees (Summer Students)	\$ 20,000.00
PERSONNEL SERVICES : ST. CROIX	SALARY
Executive Director	\$ 125,000.00
Industrial Engineer III	\$ 72,980.00
Administrative Officer II	\$ 46,200.00
Utility Staff Assistant	\$ 45,000.00
TOTAL SALARIES	\$ 955,529.00

Note: (A) All positions are unclassified and locally funded and enrolled in the Retirement System

COMMISSIONERS STIPEND	AMOUNT
5 Commissioners X 4 Regular Meetings @ \$175	\$ 3,500.00
5 Commissioners X 8 Special Meetings @ \$175	\$ 7,000.00
5 Commissioners X 4 Hearings @ \$175	\$ 3,500.00
3 Commissioners X 10 Meetings (Consultant/Staff Meetings) - 5 days @ \$175	\$ 26,250.00
Commissioners Travel to Conferences/Summits	\$ 15,575.00
TOTAL STIPEND PAID TO COMMISSIONERS	\$ 55,825.00
TOTAL SALARIES AND STIPEND (60323001-511010)	\$ 1,011,354.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	AMOUNT
FICA \$1,011,354 x 6.2%	\$ 62,703.95
Medicare @ 1.45%	\$ 14,664.63
Health Insurance Premium Actual	\$ 163,640.88
Worker's Compensation	\$ 1,960.26
Retirement Contribution - Employer (23.50%)	\$ 175,239.50
Base Life 13 x \$12.24	\$ 159.12
TOTAL BENEFITS (60323002-520000)	\$ 418,368.35
TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 1,429,722.35

OFFICE SUPPLIES	AMOUNT		TOTALS
		-	
Facilities Repair and Maintenance Supplies (60323003-542000)	\$ 300.00	\$	300.00
Professional Reference Books, Periodicals (60323003-545200)	\$ 14,069.92	\$	14,069.92
General Office Supplies (60323003-541000)			
St. Thomas	\$ 6,850.00		
St. Croix	\$ 3,800.00	\$	10,650.00
Clothing and Cloth Material (60323003-546100)	\$ 2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Food & Catering (60323003-543100)			
St. Thomas	\$ 10,800.00		
St. Croix	\$ 8,400.00	\$	19,200.00
Automobile Supplies (gasoline, tires, etc.) (60323003-541200)			
St. Thomas	\$ 5,000.00		
St. Croix	\$ 3,000.00	\$	8,000.00
Data Processing Software (60323003-546000)	\$ 18,000.00	\$	18,000.00
Operating Supplies (60323003-541100)			
St. Thomas - (Drinking Water, etc. Non Administrative)	\$ 3,300.00		
St. Croix - (Drinking Water, etc. Non Administrative)	\$ 1,200.00	\$	4,500.00
TOTAL OFFICE SUPPLIES (60323003-541000)		\$	76,719.92

SMALL TOOLS AND MINOR EQUIPMENT	AMOUNTS		TOTAL
Laptop (2)	\$ 4,000.00		
2 Back Ups Batteries @ 155.00	\$ 310.00	\$	4,310.00
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TOTAL SMALL TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPMENT (60323003-542100)		\$	4,310.00

FACILITIES REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	AMOUNTS	TOTAL
Facilities Repair and Maintenance - Machinery (Copiers/Printers, Fire Extinguishers)	\$ 3,812.00	
Office Minor Repairs	\$ 10,000.00	
Air Condition Maintenance - St Thomas Office Est. \$475.00 per Month for 12 Months	\$ 5,700.00	
Exterminating Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 20,012.00
TOTAL FACILITIES REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (60323004-532000)		\$ 20,012.00
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		
St. Thomas	\$ 2,380.00	
St. Croix	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,380.00
TOTAL AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE (60323004-532100)		\$ 6,380.00

RENT LAND/BUILDING		AMOUNT	TOTAL
ST. THOMAS			
LAB Management, LLC., 4,148 square feet at \$5,797.81 per month for 12 months	\$	69,573.72	
ST. CROIX			
ZEFO's Enterprise LLC, 3000 square feet at \$4,500.00 per month for 12 months (\$18.00 per sq. ft.)	\$	54,000.00	
PRIME STORAGE			
Rental \$408.42 per month for 3 months & \$420.67 for 9 months	\$	5,011.32	
			\$ 128,585.04
TOTAL RENT LAND/BUILDING (60323004-533000)			\$ 128,585.04

RENTAL OF MACHINES/EQUIPMENT	A	AMOUNT		TOTAL
ST. THOMAS				
Post Office Box	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
TOTAL RENTAL OF MACHINE/EQUIPMENT 60323004-533020			\$	500.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		AMOUNT		TOTAL
Professional Services	Ś	25,000.00		
Custodial Services - St. Thomas Office \$650.00 per Month for 12 Months	\$	7,800.00		
Custodial Services - St. Croix Office \$613.60 per Month for 12 Months	\$	7,363.20		
Stenographic Services (\$2,000 per meeting X16 Meetings)	\$	32,000.00	\$	72,163.20
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (60323004-534000)			\$	72,163.20

TRAINING	1	AMOUNT		TOTAL
Training / Convention and Registration Fees				
NARUC Regulatory Studies 2 Commissioners & 1 Staff @ \$1,100	\$	3,300.00		
NARUC Winter Committee Meeting 4 Commissioners & 1 Staff @ \$575	\$	2,875.00	<u></u>	
NARUC Summer Committee Meeting 4 Commissioners & 1 Staff @ \$350	\$	1,750.00		
MACRUC Mid-Atlantic Conference 4 Commissioners & 1 Staff @ \$ 300	\$	1,500.00		
NARUC Annual Meeting - 4 Commissioners & 1 Staff @ \$600	\$	3,000.00		
OCCUR Annual Conference 2 Commisisoners & 1 Staff @\$500	\$	1,500.00		
General Staff Training	\$	4,800.00	\$	18,725.00
TOTAL TRAINING (60323004-534110)			\$	18,725.00

SECURITY SERVICES		AMOUNT		TOTAL
ADT STT \$104 x 12months	ć	1,248.00		
ADT STX \$11 X 12months	\$	1,248.00		
ADT Parts/Misc.	\$	600.00	\$	1,980.00
TOTAL SECURITY SERVICES (60323004-534100)			\$	1,980.00

COMMUNICATION	AMOUNT		TOTAL
St. Thomas			
4 cable boxes \$60 x 12 months	\$ 2,880.00		
7 Telephone Lines @ \$690 per Month (12 Months)	\$ 8,280.00		
1 cell phone @ \$60 per Month	\$ 720.00		
2 tablets - @ \$60 per Month (12 Months)	\$ 1,440.00		
MiFi @ \$134 per month	\$ 1,608.00		
Bureau of Information Technology (BIT-Fiber Cable) \$1,150 quarterly	\$ 4,600.00	\$	19,528.00
St. Croix			
1 cable box \$60 x 12 months	\$ 720.00		
6 Telephone Lines @ \$580.00 per Month (12 Months)	\$ 6,960.00		
1 cell phone @ \$60 per Month	\$ 720.00	l.	
MiFi @ \$134 per month	\$ 1,608.00		ĺ
1 tablet - @ \$60 per Month (12 Months)	\$ 720.00		
Bureau of Information Technology (BIT-Fiber Cable) \$1,150 quarterly	\$ 4,600.00	\$	15,328.00
Media Services \$300.00 per Month (12 Months)	\$ 3,600.00	\$	3,600.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATION (60323004-535000)		\$	38,456.00

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	AMOUNT		TOTAL
Ag Fair Fees	\$ 500.00		
Employee of the Year Fees	\$ 1,000.00		
Printed Media/Advertising/Publications	\$ 2,500.00		
PSC Awareness Campaign	\$ 6,500.00	\$	10,500.00
TOTAL ADVERTISING / PROMOTION (60323004-535010)		\$	10,500.00

TRANSPORTATION - NOT TRAVEL	AMOUNT		TOTAL
Transportation - Not Travel	\$ 550.00	_	
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION - NOT TRAVEL (60323004-536000)		\$	550.00

INSURANCE	1	AMOUNT		TOTAL
Full Insurance on 4 motor vehicles @ \$2,125.00 each	\$	8,500.00	-	
TOTAL INSURANCE (60323004-561000)			\$	8,500.00

OTHER SERVICES (NOC)	AMOUNT	TOTAL		
NARUC Professional Membership Dues	\$ 3,500.00			
OOCUR Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00		4	
Credit Card Expenses	\$ 10,000.00			
Other Services (NOC)	\$ 4,000.00	\$	20,500.00	
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES (60323004-564100)		\$	20,500.00	

TRAVEL - INTER ISLAND TRAVEL AMOUNT			TOTAL
\$	21,200.00		
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\$	780.00		
\$	432.00		
\$	7,950.00		
\$	2,250.00		
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## **OFF ISLAND TRAVEL**

NARUC WINTER COMMITTEE MEETING		AMOUNT	TOTAL
\$1,200 Airfare X 5 Personnel	ć	6,000.00	
\$350 Hotel X 5 Personnel X 6 Nights	\$	10,500.00	
\$75 Meals X 5 Personnel X 6 Nights	\$	2,250.00	
\$100 Ground Transportation X 5 Personnel	\$	500.00	
SUBTOTAL WINTER COMMITTEE MEETING			\$ 19,250.00

MACRUC MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE		AMOUNT	TOTAL	
\$1,200 Airfare X 5 Personnel	ć	6,000.00		
\$350 Hotel X 5 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	8,750.00		
\$75 Meals X 5 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	1,875.00		
\$100 Ground Transportation X 5 Personnel	\$	500.00		
SUBTOTAL MACRUC MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE			\$ 17.	<mark>125</mark> .

NARUC SUMMER COMMITTEE MEETING	A	MOUNT	тс	TAL
\$1,200 Airfare X 5 Personnel	\$	6,000.00		
\$350 Hotel X 5 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	8,750.00		
\$75 Meals X 5 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	1,875.00		
\$100 Ground Transportation X 5 Personnel	\$	500.00		
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SUBTOTAL SUMMER COMMITTEE MEETING		Ş	\$	17,125.00

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ANNUAL REGULATORY STUDIES PROGRAM		AMOUNT	т	DTAL
\$1,200 Airfare X 3 Personnel	Ś	3,600.00		
\$225 Hotel X 3 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	3,375.00		
\$75 Meals X 3 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	1,125.00		
\$100 Ground Transportation X 3 Commissioners	\$	300.00		
TOTAL ANNUAL REGULATORY STUDIES PROGRAM			\$	8,400.00

NARUC ANNUAL CONVENTION	 AMOUNT	T	OTAL
\$1,200 Airfare X 4 Personnel	\$ 4,800.00		
\$350 Hotel X 4 Personnel X 6 Nights	\$ 8,400.00		
\$75 Meals X 4 Personnel X 6 Nights	\$ 1,800.00		
\$100 Ground Transportation X 4 Personnel	\$ 400.00		
SUBTOTAL NARUC ANNUAL CONVENTION		\$	15,400.00

OOCUR WORKSHOP	/	MOUNT	TOTAL		
\$1,200 Airfare X 3 Personnel	\$	3,600.00			
\$350 Hotel X 3 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	5,250.00			
\$75 Meals X 3 Personnel X 5 Nights	\$	1,125.00			
\$100 Ground Transportation 3 Personnel	\$	300.00			
TOTAL OOCUR WORKSHOP		\$	10,275.00		

TOTAL INTER ISLAND TRAVEL	\$ 32,612.00
TOTAL OFF ISLAND TRAVEL	\$ 87,575.00
GRAND TOTAL TRAVEL (60323004-560000)	\$ 120,187.00

UTILITY Electricity - St. Thomas estimated at \$2,000 per month for 12 months	 AMOUNTS		TOTAL	
	\$ 24,000.00			
Electricity - St. Croix estimated at \$800 per month for 12 months	\$ 12,000.00	\$	36,000.00	

TOTAL UTILITY SERVICES (60323005-530000)	\$	36,000.00
TOTAL OTTELT SERVICES (00323003-330000)	1.000	30,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY	AMOUNT		TOTAL	
MACH, EQUIP, MISC				
Vehicle STX 2 of 2	\$ 45,500.00			
Upgrade Video Conference System STT and STX	\$ -			
Air Condition Split Units	\$ 40,000.00	\$	85,500.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY (60323007-575000)		\$	85,500.00	

