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Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President
35th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands
Capitol Building
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Re: Coastal Zone Management Permit for Ratification

Good day Senate President Novelle E. Francis, Jr., other members of the 35th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands, legislative staff, and members of the viewing and listening public. My name is Marlon Hibbert and I am the Director for the Division of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) in the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. Today we are present seeking ratification of the following CZM permit:

Minor CZM Permit No. CZMIW0001-23, issued to Coakley Plantation LLLP, if ratified, this permit allows for the:

The installation and submerged lands occupancy of two 224' long, 3" OD (Outside Diameter) HDPE(High Density Polyethylene) pipes in approximately 6'– 7' of water to be used as an intake and brine discharge for a reverse osmosis plant. The pipes are to be installed seaward of Plot 14, Estate Coakley Bay, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI.

A rental fee of **three thousand, four hundred, twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$3,420.00)** per year, payable annually in advance, shall be charged for the two pipes and water area covered under this permit occupying the submerged lands area.

The term of the permit is **20** years.

The Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources has deemed that the permit listed above meets the goals and policies of the VI Code, Title 12 Chapter 21. Therefore, we respectfully request your ratification of this permit pursuant to 12 VIC § 911(e).

This concludes our testimony on behalf of the Division, and we are available to answer questions as best as we can. Thank you.