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Mr. Karl Knight
Chief Executive Officer
Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority
P.O. Box 5997
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00823

Dear Mr. Knight,

Please accept this letter as a formal invitation to testify on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to provide a comprehensive update on the following:

- The current operational status of the territory's power plants;
- Resolutions to billing issues;
- Inspection of the WAPA-VITOL Fuel Contracting Process and Transactions;
- Costs associated with converting WAPA from fossil fuel to propane gas;
- Project planning, management oversight and reporting, Project cost monitoring, and Board actions or inactions;
- WAPA's procurement policies and guidelines;
- Update of the clean water infrastructure, repairs, and maintenance planning; and
- The conversion of power-generating units.

Key highlights will include but not be limited to an update on previous audits and reports from the Virgin Islands Inspector General, WARTSILA generators, and billing issues.

Please note that the meeting will be held on St. Thomas, but arrangements can be made for you in St. Croix at the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room. We understand the importance of your presence and are willing to accommodate your needs. Please confirm your attendance by March 3, 2025. If you're not able to attend, you may send a representative.

Your testimony and all related documents are due to our office on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM. For any other information regarding the processes of the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection, please contact my Chief of Staff, A. Joy Petersen Bennerson, at (340)712-2323.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A 16".

Avery L. Lewis
Senator

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