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- 0 : 00 : 00 you can proceed chairman williams all right thank you good afternoon everyone i'd like to call this meeting of the virgin island public service commission to order today is july 10 2025 um may i have a roll call please roll call commissioner clement mcgras comment commissioner clement mcgras absent commissioner laurel nick nickel sams present commissioner nickel sam's president commissioner raymond williams i'm here commissioner williams is president commissioner david hughes present commissioner david hughes president commissioner pedro williams present commissioner pedro williams present senator carla joseph present Senator Carla Joseph present. Senator Hubert Frederick. Senator Frederick is absent. Commissioner, you have a quorum? Thank you. First of all, let me say thank you for everyone for making yourselves available for this rescheduled meeting. I know it's been a little bit hectic trying to pull everybody's scheduled together so that we can lead today so i appreciate your effort um your time and your diligence and this time we only have really uh two items on the agenda but one substantive matter so we're going to go right into the agenda um for the consent agenda who speaks of that matter are we prepared to do that
- 0 : 02 : 07 i believe that will be ms connor speaking to the consent agenda and your microphone is muted ms connor i'm trying to unmute it good afternoon Brenda Kuhner, Accounts Maintenance Officer, staff recommends the Commission to enter assessments on the following dockets. Docket 669, Broadband VI, Application for EDC Destination in the USVI in the amount of \$1,730, and docket 703, WAPA Default Fuel Account Balance in the amount of \$49,091.01.
- 0 : 02 : 50 Any discussion, motion, Commissioner Raymond Williams? So moved. I'll second the motion. Okay, so we move and second is to approve the consent agenda. Roll call, please. Sorry. commissioner laura nichols sams commissioner laura nichols sam yes commissioner raymond williams yes commissioner david hughes yes commissioner pedro williams yes thank you motion is carried all right thank you move to the next item um docket number i believe it's seven two two um who speaks to that i may be so bold as to go first mr chair you may proceed attorney swain thank you at the last commission meeting the commission adopted a order reducing the liac rate by five cents per kilowatt 5.2 cents to be precise lowering that rate from 22 22 where it has been for the last two and a half years excuse me last three years and a quarter to the rate of 17 cents a kilowatt A week later, on June 17th, the Water and Power Authority filed a petition for

reconsideration.

- 0:04:45 The effect of filing a petition for reconsideration is that the order is stayed until the reconsideration is determined. Once reconsideration, if reconsideration is granted and determined, on reconsideration, the commission can affirm its order, modify its order, or rescind its order. Following a decision on reconsideration or a denial of reconsideration, the Water Power Authority then has 60 days to file an appeal with the Superior Court. The effect of filing an appeal with the Superior Court is also a further stay of the commission's order. At the present time, PSE staff recommends order if you have a full and complete record on this matter the reconsideration should be granted that the director of the public services commission issue a scheduling order to the commission and to the authority so that this matter may be briefed any testimony or evidence submitted and this matter brought back before the commission for your august 12th meeting all right thank you is there anybody from whopper that would like to be heard on this matter good afternoon chair williams um commissioner and staff i'm deyonce with a general counsel for the authority i just want to make sure Do you have on two speakers, that's why you're getting feedback.
- 0:06:33 Yeah, I realize that there's someone in my office that's also on the meeting and that seems to be the the difficulty um but nonetheless i just want to make sure that i i fully understand um so this is a continuation um on august 12th the motion will be heard in full is that correct i would assume in the party assuming there's a scheduling order and the parties comply with the dates contained in the state ruling order that is the intent and that's the expectation all right very good anything else from wapna no i think we understand thank you all right all right any questions or comments from any of my fellow commissioners uh vice chair hughes uh just a question for attorney sprain in our discussion of this would you like us to suggest that schedule or do you guys is is staff in a position to establish that that schedule without the commission um we could do that i i excuse me point sprain responding to that inquiry. It is our intention to order, have the directory issue an order that would provide for this matter to be returned to the Commission by August 12th. I realize at this point that gives us only about 10 days for each party to prepare their materials and submit. So we would roughly speaking require WAPA to respond in about 10 days with any further information and briefing they want to submit we would have about 10 days to respond to that and that would get the materials
- 0:08:25 to the commission about 10 days before the meeting i know staff had suggested um is briefing schedule or scheduling order i would strongly recommend that you share that with attorney sinclair and hopefully and presumably the parties could agree to a joint scheduling order that way everybody's on the same page and we could get this matter moving and heard without people arguing that we didn't have sufficient time to um get our briefs together our our our evidence we'll be happy to do that this afternoon sir any other questions or comments from commissioners all right at this time i'm prepared to entertain a motion move to adjourn what that's a joke i'll put some humor in this one too go ahead i'm sorry i'll be i'll be happy to offer the motion i move that the petition for reconsideration be granted and that the director shall issue a scheduling order to complete the submission of briefs testimony and evidence in time to return this matter to the commission's deliberation and consideration at its august 12 2025 meeting so moved is there second second commissioner laura nichols sams is there any discussion there are none um local commissioner laura nichols sams yes commissioner raymond williams
- 0:10:24 yes commissioner david hughes yes chairman pedro williams yes we have four members vote in yay motion is moved all right thank you there'll be no further business motion to now um commissioner williams you can make a motion I move that we continue the meeting.
- 0:10:56 Motion to adjourn. Second. A vote of acclamation. Motion to adjourn is accepted. This meeting is thereby adjourned. Thank you, everyone. Thanks, everyone. Bye now.

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