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Restoration Achieved: WAPA Unit 23 Back Online, Rotational Outages End in STT/STJ

WAPA successfully repairs and reinstates Unit 23, ending rotational outages in the St. Thomas and St. John district, and emphasizes community-driven efforts to enhance local power infrastructure reliability

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The Randolph Harley Power Plant in St. Thomas, USVI. By. ERNICE GILBERT, V.I. CONSORTIUM

The V.I. Water & Power Authority announced Wednesday night that Unit 23, which had been offline prompting rotational outages across the St. Thomas and St. John (STT/STJ) district, is now operational after successful repairs, ending the recent schedule of rotational outages.

The restoration of service follows intense efforts by WAPA plant personnel who managed to configure a replacement transducer, bringing the unit back to full functionality, the authority said. This repair is a crucial step in stabilizing the power supply to the area, which had been experiencing outages that affected many residents and businesses.

WAPA expressed its appreciation for the community's patience during this period, recognizing the challenges and inconveniences caused by the outages. The authority stressed that its team, comprising members of the local community who were themselves impacted by the power interruptions, worked diligently and with urgency to ensure a safe and swift resolution.

"We want to emphasize that the WAPA team is comprised of community members who were also impacted by these outages," the statement noted. "This process was not taken lightly, and we worked with great urgency while also safely conducting repairs."

The news comes on the heels of WAPA's [successful, extensive repairs to Feeder 13](#), which resolved issues caused by a damaged underground cable.