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## Port Authority, Dept. of Tourism Welcome Inaugural Frontier Airlines Flight Providing Direct Service Between St. Thomas and Puerto Rico

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The V.I. Port Authority on Saturday welcomed the inaugural Frontier Airlines flight providing service between St. Thomas and Puerto Rico. The flight, available every Saturday, is the third route the airline has added to the USVI since it began service to the territory in February, according to VIPA.

Port Authority and Department of Tourism officials welcomed the inaugural flight today with a firetruck water salute as it arrived at 2:20 p.m. at the Cyril E. King Airport. Frontier will offer the San Juan/St. Thomas flight using an Airbus 320 or Airbus 320 Neo aircraft that can carry 170 or 194 passengers, respectively, VIPA said.

The authority said Frontier currently offers service to St. Thomas from Orlando three times a week and twice a week from Miami.

"The new service from San Juan is an indicator of the U.S. Virgin Islands' growing tourism strength despite the pandemic, with more carriers continuing to add new airlift to the territory," stated VIPA in a release issued Saturday.

"This will increase the affordability of flights and convenient options for residents, visitors, and inter-island travelers from other Caribbean islands - including the British Virgin Islands - who travel via the King Airport," said VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe. He added that the Bryan administration, the USVI Department of Tourism and the Port Authority's Board of Governors and staff look forward to a continued successful partnership with Frontier Airlines as it expands its service throughout the Caribbean.