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Update: Power Finally Restored After 12-Hour Outage

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Update: At about 12:02 p.m. Friday, WAPA said power was restored to the entire St. Thomas-St. John District, including Water Island and Hassle Island.

Original Story: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority as of 5:30 Friday morning had not been able to restore power to the St. Thomas-St. John District — including Water Island and Hassle Island — after a district-wide blackout Thursday that occurred at about 11:35 p.m.

According to WAPA communications head Jean P. Greaux, Unit 23 failed at 11:35 p.m. and caused all other units to trip, resulting in the blackout. Personnel have been attempting for hours to get the units back up but have not been able to.

Mr. Greaux said he did not want to provide a projection relative to when power would be restored in the district. "It will all be dependent on how soon we can get the generators up. We need at least

two generators running to start to make a dent in restoration," he said, explaining that while one unit is enough to start restoring power, two being online would "give you an opportunity to restore pretty much everything."

On St. Croix, Feeder 10A, which had operational issues Thursday, was restored last night at 7:51, according to Mr. Greaux.

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