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DLCA ISSUES PRICE FREEZE ON WATER IN THE ST. CROIX DISTRICT

(U.S. Virgin Islands) – DLCA Commissioner Nominee Nathalie Hodge announces that, effective 12:00 p.m., today, on Monday, October 30, 2023, prices in the District of St. Croix are frozen at existing levels on all items necessary for the production of water, including general supplies and services, including but not limited to items such as bottled water, water haulers, filters, filtering systems; and bottled water, whether locally produced or imported, are restricted from being exported or sold outside of the District of St. Croix until such time that a subsequent Order is issued lifting this protective embargo. This action is a result of Governor Albert Bryan Jr.'s declaration of a State of Emergency.

All items necessary for the production of water and/or due to the effects of the lack of production of water at WAPA, including general supplies and services, including but not limited to items such as bottled water, trucking fees for water distribution, etc., are restricted from being exported or sold outside of the District of St. Croix until such time that a subsequent Order is issued lifting this protective embargo.

All merchants are forbidden from altering the ordinary delivery methods, terms, discounts, concessions, or methods of payment for all supplies and services referenced above. The sale price of all such items and services shall not be higher than the fixed price. All merchants are also forbidden from refusing to accept Virgin Islands Government Vouchers during the Emergency period.

These measures are being instituted to protect the public's welfare during the emergency period and to prevent speculative practices related to bottled water, water haulers, filters, and filtering systems which are essential during the recovery period.

If anyone is aware of any changes to the prices of water or water-related products, after the issuance of the Price Freeze, please call the DLCA Scam Line at 340.727.SCAM (7226).

The Bryan-Roach Administration is investing in the Territory's people, infrastructure, and future through transparency, stabilizing the economy, restoring trust in the government, and ensuring that recovery projects are completed as quickly as possible. Visit transparency.vi.gov.

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