

ACT NO. 9062

BILL NO. 36-0215

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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An act ratifying the unanimous consent of the St. Thomas Coastal Zone Management Committee of the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission for the Legislature's approval of major Coastal Zone Management Permit No. CZMJL0018-25 to construct a solar array on Parcel No. 17 Remainder Bovoni, Estate Bovoni, St. Thomas

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WHEREAS, STB Solar, LLC. successfully installed two solar farms on St. Croix but has been adversely impacted by circumstances beyond its control, including the enactment of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) on July 4, 2025 and the issuance of Executive Order 14315;

WHEREAS, the issuance of Executive Order 14315 on July 7, 2025, has made it impossible for STB Solar, LLC. to begin construction by December 31, 2025, if it were to comply with the requirements for obtaining a major coastal zone management permit;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2025, the St. Thomas Committee of the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission unanimously issued its consent for the Legislature to approve major Coastal Zone Permit No. CZMJL0018-25 for STB Solar, LLC due to its demonstrated ability to comply with permit requirements by delivering two similar projects in the St. Croix district, and securing significant investment to improve the power infrastructure for the territory; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the project is to supply clean, renewable energy to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA") at a significantly lower price than the cost of liquid propane or diesel fuel, thereby reducing the cost to customers and facilitating WAPA's scheduled preventative maintenance or corrective actions for energy stabilization and diversification; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding title 12 Virgin Islands Code, section 910(d)(e), the Legislature ratifies the unanimous consent of the St. Thomas Coastal Zone Management Committee of the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission for the Legislature's

approval of major Coastal Zone Management Permit No. CZMJJL0018-25 for STB Solar, LLC. to construct a solar array on Parcel No. 17 Remainder Bovoni, Estate Bovoni, St. Thomas.

SECTION 2. STB Solar, LLC. shall maintain liability insurance with sufficient coverage to compensate property owners for any damages to their property caused by the solar array panels because of a natural disaster.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on November 19, 2025.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 20th day of November, A.D., 2025.



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Milton E. Potter
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Avery L. Lewis".

Avery L. Lewis
Secretary



Bill No. 36- 0215 is hereby approved.

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, this 20th day of November, 2025 A.D.**


Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor