

Jost Van Dyke Sea Cable Statement

Dear valued customers,

The British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation has been working feverishly, over the past month, to commence the required repairs to the damaged subsea cable that facilitates the provision of electricity supply to the residents of Jost Van Dyke. However, we have been unable to commence the repairs primarily due to the sea conditions that prevented them from being carried out in a safe manner. Most recently however, during the week of 29th January 2024, during what we assessed to be favorable sea conditions, challenges experienced by the contractors engaged to assist with the repair of the cable, resulted in a further delay.

Our latest scheduled attempt on 4th February 2024, was met with unfavorable sea conditions, further delaying the repairs. Please be assured that the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) is seeking to ensure that these repairs are done as soon as possible, in a manner that is safe to all involved.

Finally, we would also like to take this opportunity to clarify that statements made in the public domain which suggest that the people of Jost Van Dyke are being charged excessive fees as result of the costs associated with the interim measure of having a standby generator stationed on Jost Van Dyke are untrue. The generator placed on Jost Van Dyke is there to ensure that the people of Jost Van Dyke continue to have a reliable source of power. This is the BVIEC's obligation to its customers. All additional costs associated with stationing and operating the generator on Jost Van Dyke are absorbed by the BVIEC and all energy bills continue to be calculated as they had been prior to the loss of the use of the subsea cable.

Further updates on the repairs to the Jost Van Dyke subsea cable will be made in the near future.

Management of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation