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viNGN making inroads on St. John Internet Connectivity

The Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN) announced that for the week of November 13, 2017, significant progress was made in Cruz Bay, St. John, with several businesses and government offices being brought back online!

The island of St. John, which had literally been severed from all utilities in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, has had a long road to recovery. With no options to support commerce, or communications, viNGN has moved quickly with its partners First Phase Datacomm, Love City Strong, LoveIT.vi, and Computer Express to facilitate free temporary connections to support a number of Cruz Bay businesses, and to also set up 5 free public extremely robust and fast Wi-Fi hotspots on the island.

Several locations now enjoy restored Internet connectivity through viNGN partner Internet Service Providers (ISPs):

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Cruz Bay Fire Station (Zulu Company)
Fire Administration Building (Cruz Bay)
Human Services Department
Internal Revenue Bureau
Mongoose Junction
St. John Marketplace
The Marketplace

“viNGN is working as quickly as possible to re-connect our communities to the internet, and thereby re-connecting our islands to the world. We are making tremendous progress and we will continue to push restoration activities until all residents and businesses are connected to the viNGN high-speed internet backbone via their internet service providers”, said viNGN President and CEO Dr. Mark McGibbon.

The public is invited to follow viNGN’s recovery efforts including all past updates on our Network Restoration Status page, at www.vingn.com/network-restoration-status.

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The Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN) was established in 2010 as a public corporation; it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority. viNGN was funded primarily from an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant made by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) as part of a federal program to improve the broadband capacity in the United States, its territories, and the District of Columbia. The program is called the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). For more information regarding viNGN, call (340) 715-8581, or visit www.vingn.com.