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January 29, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham Chairwoman Albany County Legislature 112 State Street – Suite 710 Albany, New York 12207

Re: Sludge Processing Improvement Project Amended SEQR Approval

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Albany County Water Purification District (District), is requesting Legislative approval of the amended SEQR for the above referenced capital project. The SEQR for the Sludge Processing Improvement Project (Project) was previously approved in 2024 via Resolution 273 that was adopted on May 13/2024. The original Project involved consolidating the District's South Plant sludge operations to the North Plant via a new 4-mile sludge forcemain. However, this concept was disapproved by the NYSDEC in August of 2024 in favor of continued sludge processing at the South Plant. The scope of the SEQR documents were amended to identify the proposed improvements to the existing sludge system at the South Plant to facilitate continued sludge processing.

Based on the amended Project scope the Project is still being designated a SEQR Type 1 action with a negative impact as recommended by the Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning.

The Sludge Processing Improvement Project was previously approved under the 2025-2029 Capital Plan and the Project cost with the amended scope is estimated to remain as previously approved.

If you have any questions or concerns you may reach me at (518) 447-1617.

Sincerely,

Angelo Gaudio, P.E. Executive Director

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Enc: SEQR EAF Parts1-3

Draft Negative Declaration Resolution

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel James Curran, Minority Counsel