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Angelo Gaudio, P.E. Executive Director Albany County Water Purification District 1 Canal Road, South Albany, New York 12204

Re: APDC proposed purchase of Albany County Water Purification District property

Dear Mr. Gaudio:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Albany Port District Commission's (APDC) proposition to acquire a .043 acre piece of land from the Albany County Water Purification District upon the approval of the Albany County Legislature. This small piece of land is an important piece to a larger economic development project whereby the APDC intends to realign a portion of the railroad tracks that enter the Port of Albany adjacent to the southern boundary line of the County Water Purification District South Plant.

The curve of the existing railroad does not allow for shipments of certain oversized cargos to enter the Port due to safety concerns. Many of the Port of Albany's recent infrastructure upgrades, for instance the Big Lift warehouse and the roll-on roll-off barge slip, have been instituted to support business for rail and maritime shipping from companies such as General Electric. With the proposed acquisition of this County property the APDC will invest over \$400,000 to move and improve the railroad track to maintain current and unlock new business opportunities and economic development efforts for the Port and the region.

I understand that the most recent appraisal indicated a sale price value of \$7,000 for this piece of the County's property. The APDC is proposing to purchase the property for \$8,000. The site plan that was previously provided is attached and a survey has been ordered per the County Attorney's Office.

Thank you for entertaining this request. The APDC looks forward to continuing its partnership with Albany County and investing for the future.

Very truly yours,

Patrick K. Jordan General Counsel

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Cc: John R. Adair, Jr., Chairman
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