

Staff Finance Item 1



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 2, 2023

To: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair
Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer

From: Joyce Tomaka, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: 2023 Fitch Rating Review Result

I am pleased to announce that our annual surveillance review performed by Fitch Ratings resulted in a “Review – No Action” conclusion. That means that we have maintained our AA+ rating for the ensuing year.

This no action conclusion did not result in an official announcement from Fitch; it is simply noted on their website. I have attached an excerpt from their website for your reference.

The annual surveillance review is an in-depth review of our financial statements coupled with a rigorous questionnaire covering various aspects of our performance not only related to finance, but also covers topics within Water Quality and Engineering.

I would like to thank our management team for their assistance in completing the review. This is a very important task as our bond rating is a measurement metric we have worked very hard to maintain.

CREDIT SUMMARY

Erie County Water Authority (NY)

US Public Finance / Infrastructure and Project Finance/Global / North America/United States

EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)

ESG RELEVANCE

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01 Ratings

RATING	ACTION	DATE	TYPE	Ratings Key	Outlook	Watch
AA+	Review - No Action	06-Oct-2023	Long Term Issuer Default Rating	POSITIVE		
				NEGATIVE		
				EVOLVING		
				STABLE		
KEY RATING FACTORS				aa		
Revenue Defensibility				bbb		
Operating Risk				aa		
Financial Profile						
				* Ratings displayed in orange denotes EU or UK Unsolicited and Non-Participatory Ratings		
				Where there was a review with no rating action (Review – No Action), please refer to the "Latest Rating Action Commentary" for an explanation of key rating drivers		
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RATING HISTORY

LONG TERM ISSUER DEFAULT RATING

DATE :	06-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2022	28-Oct-2021	18-Mar-2021
RATING :	AA+	AA+	AA+	AA+
ACTION :	Review - No Action	Affirmed	Affirmed	New Rating

02 Rating Actions

RATING ACTION COMMENTARY / THU 20 OCT, 2022	RATING ACTION COMMENTARY / THU 28 OCT, 2021	RATING ACTION COMMENTARY / THU 18 MAR, 2021	RATING ACTION COMMENTARY / THU 18 MAR, 2021
Fitch Affirms Erie County Water Authority, NY's Obligations at 'AA+'; Outlook Stable	Fitch Rates Erie County Water Authority, NY's WIFIA Loan 'AA+'; Outlook Stable	Fitch Affirms Erie County Water Authority, NY's Water Revenue Bonds at 'AA+'; Outlook Stable	Fitch Affirms Erie County Water Authority, NY's Water Revenue Bonds at 'AA+'; Outlook Stable

03 Insights

NEW ISSUE REPORT / WED 03 NOV, 2021	NEW ISSUE REPORT / FRI 29 OCT, 2021
Erie County Water Authority, New York	Erie County Water Authority (NY) - ESG Navigator
	NAVIGATOR REPORT / THU 16 MAY, 2019
	Erie County Water Authority (NY) - ESG Navigator
	NEW ISSUE REPORT / MON 16 JUL, 2018
	Erie County Water Authority, New York
	SPECIAL REPORT / FRI 30 APR, 2010
	Fitch Lists CUSIPs for Recalibrated U.S. Water and Sewer Rating Revisions

04 Securities and Obligations

RATINGS

RATED ENTITY / DEBT ⚡	RATINGS ⚡	ENTITY DETAILS ⚡	IDENTIFIERS ⚡	OTHER DETAILS ⚡
Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: WIFIA loan Series: WIFIA loan	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating 06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)		Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating 06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RN1 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2048 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating 06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RL5 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2038 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+

Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating 06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RK7 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2033 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating 06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RJ0 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2032 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating 06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RH4 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2031 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating 06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RG6 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2030 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+

Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RF8 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2029 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
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Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RE1 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2028 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
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Security: Erie County Water Authority (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Issuer: Erie County Water Authority (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Series: 2018	06-Oct-2023 AA+ Review - No Action Long Term Rating	Country: United States Sectors: US Public Finance; Infrastructure and Project Finance Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of the issuer (sell side)	CUSIP: 295101RD3 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2027 Currency: USD Amount: 0 Placement: Public Security LTR: AA+
RATING HISTORY				

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05 Disclosures

ENDORSEMENT STATUS

EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed

COUNTRY OF FITCH OFFICE

United States

SOLICITATION STATUS

Long Term Rating

Unenhanced Long Term Rating

Solicited - Sell Side

Solicited - Sell Side

06 Criteria

01 EXPIRED CRITERIA

SEP 2021 Public Sector, Revenue-Supported Entities Rating Criteria – Effective from September 1, 2021 to April 27, 2023

23 EXPIRED CRITERIA

FEB 2021 Public Sector, Revenue-Supported Entities Rating Criteria – Effective from February 23, 2021 to September 1, 2021

18 EXPIRED CRITERIA

MAR 2021 U.S. Water and Sewer Rating Criteria - Effective from March 18, 2021 to March 3, 2023

03 EXPIRED CRITERIA

APR 2020 U.S. Water and Sewer Rating Criteria -- Effective: April 3, 2020 -- March 18, 2021

07 Analysts

Kristen Reifsnyder
Primary Rating Analyst

Sebastian Palacio Bacchi
Secondary Rating Analyst

08 Related Credits and Issuers

RELATED CREDITS

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RELATED ISSUERS

Erie County Water Authority (NY)

CREDIT-RELEVANT ESG SCALE

How relevant are E, S and G issues to the overall credit rating?

5	Highly relevant, a key rating driver that has a significant impact on the rating on an individual basis. Equivalent to "higher" relative importance within Navigator.
4	Relevant to rating, not a key rating driver but has an impact on the rating in combination with other factors. Equivalent to "moderate" relative importance within Navigator
3	Minimally relevant to rating, either very low impact or actively managed in a way that results in no impact on the entity rating. Equivalent to "lower" relative importance within Navigator.
2	Irrelevant to the entity rating but relevant to the sector.
1	Irrelevant to the entity rating and irrelevant to the sector

* ESG Relevance is applicable for international scale ratings only

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