Staff Fiscal Item 1



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2025

To: Jerome D. Schad, Chair

Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer

From: Joyce Tomaka, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: 2025 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.

We have maintained this Review No Action conclusion since 2023. As you may recall, this conclusion does 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.

This is a very important evaluation as our bond rating is a measurement metric we have worked very hard to maintain.



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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	ТҮРЕ		Ratings Key	Outlook	Watch
AA+	Review - No	02-May-2025	Long Term Issuer Default Rating		POSITIVE		
AAT	Action	02-141ay-2023	Long Terminssuer Derault Nating		NEGATIVE		
					EVOLVING		
KEY RATING FACTORS					STABLE		
Revenue Defensibility				aa			
Operating Risk				bbb	* Ratings displayed in orange denot	es EU or UK Unsolicited and Non-Partic	ipatory Ratings
Financial Profile				aa	Where there was a review with no r Rating Action Commentary" for an	rating action (Review – No Action), pleas explanation of key rating drivers	se refer to the "Latest
					*Premium Content is displayed in F	itch Red	

RATING HISTORY

LONG TERM ISSUER DEFAULT RATING

DATE:	02-May-2025	18-Sep-2024	06-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2022	28-Oct-2021	18-Mar-2021
RATING:	AA+	AA+	AA+	AA+	AA+	AA+
ACTION:	Review - No Action	Review - No Action	Review - No Action	Affirmed	Affirmed	New Rating

02 Rating Actions

RATING ACTION COMMENTARY / THU 20 OCT, 2022

Fitch Affirms Erie County Water Authority, NY's Obligations at 'AA+'; Outlook Stable RATING ACTION COMMENTARY / THU 28 OCT, 2021

RATING ACTION COMMENTARY / THU 18 MAR, 2021

RATING ACT

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

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03 Insights

NEW ISSUE REPORT / WED 03 NOV, 2021

Erie County Water Authority, New York

NEW ISSUE REPORT / FRI 29 OCT, 2021

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

<u>04</u> Securities and Obligations

RATINGS

RATED ENTITY / DEBT \$	RATINGS \$	ENTITY DETAILS \$	IDENTIFIERS \$	OTHER DETAILS \$
Security: Erie County Water Authority	02-May-2025	Country: United States		Currency: USD
(NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien)	AA+	Sectors: US Public Finance;		Amount: 0
Issuer: Erie County Water Authority	Review - No Action	Infrastructure and Project Finance		Placement: Public
(NY) Bond: WIFIA loan	Long Term Rating	Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of		Security LTR: AA+
Series: WIFIA loan	02-May-2025	the issuer (sell side)		
	AA+	·		
	Review - No Action			
	Unenhanced Long Term Rating			
	RATING HISTORY			
Security: Erie County Water Authority	02-May-2025	Country: United States	CUSIP: 295101RM3 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2043
(NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien)	AA+	Sectors: US Public Finance;		Currency: USD
Issuer: Erie County Water Authority	Review - No Action	Infrastructure and Project Finance		Amount: 0
(NY)	Long Term Rating	Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK		Placement: Public
Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018		Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of		Security LTR: AA+
Series: 2018	02-May-2025	the issuer (sell side)		
	AA+			
	Review - No Action			
	Unenhanced Long Term Rating			
	RATING HISTORY			
Security: Erie County Water Authority	02-May-2025	Country: United States	CUSIP: 295101RD3 (Public)	Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2027
(NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien)	AA+	Sectors: US Public Finance;		Currency: USD
Issuer: Erie County Water Authority	Review - No Action	Infrastructure and Project Finance		Amount: 0
(NY)	Long Term Rating	Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK		Placement: Public
Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018		Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of		Security LTR: AA+
Series: 2018	02-May-2025	the issuer (sell side)		
	AA+			
	Review - No Action			
	Unenhanced Long Term Rating			

Security: Erie County Water Authority 02-May-2025 Country: United States CUSIP: 295101RN1 (Public) Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2048 (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) AA+ Sectors: US Public Finance; Currency: USD **Issuer:** Erie County Water Authority Review - No Action Infrastructure and Project Finance Amount: 0 (NY) Long Term Rating Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Placement: Public Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of Security LTR: AA+ **Series: 2018** 02-May-2025 the issuer (sell side) AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating **RATING HISTORY** Security: Erie County Water Authority 02-May-2025 Country: United States CUSIP: 295101RB7 (Public) Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2025 Sectors: US Public Finance; (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) AA+ Currency: USD **Issuer:** Erie County Water Authority Review - No Action Infrastructure and Project Finance Amount: 0 (NY) Long Term Rating Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Placement: Public Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of Security LTR: AA+ **Series: 2018** 02-May-2025 the issuer (sell side) AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating **RATING HISTORY** Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2029 Security: Erie County Water Authority 02-May-2025 **Country:** United States CUSIP: 295101RF8 (Public) AA+ Sectors: US Public Finance; (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Currency: USD **Issuer:** Erie County Water Authority Review - No Action Infrastructure and Project Finance Amount: 0 Long Term Rating Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Placement: Public (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of Security LTR: AA+ **Series: 2018** 02-May-2025 the issuer (sell side) AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating **RATING HISTORY**

Security: Erie County Water Authority 02-May-2025 Country: United States CUSIP: 295101RK7 (Public) Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2033 (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) AA+ Sectors: US Public Finance; Currency: USD **Issuer:** Erie County Water Authority Review - No Action Infrastructure and Project Finance Amount: 0 (NY) Long Term Rating Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Placement: Public Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of Security LTR: AA+ **Series: 2018** 02-May-2025 the issuer (sell side) AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating **RATING HISTORY** Security: Erie County Water Authority 02-May-2025 Country: United States **CUSIP:** 295101RH4 (Public) Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2031 Sectors: US Public Finance; (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) AA+ Currency: USD **Issuer:** Erie County Water Authority Review - No Action Infrastructure and Project Finance Amount: 0 (NY) Long Term Rating Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Placement: Public Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of Security LTR: AA+ **Series: 2018** 02-May-2025 the issuer (sell side) AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating **RATING HISTORY** Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2032 Security: Erie County Water Authority 02-May-2025 **Country:** United States CUSIP: 295101RJ0 (Public) AA+ Sectors: US Public Finance; (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) Currency: USD **Issuer:** Erie County Water Authority Review - No Action Infrastructure and Project Finance Amount: 0 Long Term Rating Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Placement: Public (NY) Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of Security LTR: AA+ **Series: 2018** 02-May-2025 the issuer (sell side) AA+ Review - No Action **Unenhanced Long Term Rating RATING HISTORY**

Security: Erie County Water Authority 02-May-2025 Country: United States CUSIP: 295101RC5 (Public) Maturity Date: 01-Dec-2026 Sectors: US Public Finance; (NY) / Water Revenues (2nd Lien) AA+ Currency: USD **Issuer:** Erie County Water Authority Review - No Action Infrastructure and Project Finance Amount: 0 Placement: Public (NY) **Long Term Rating** Disclosures: EU Endorsed, UK Bond: wtr rev bonds ser 2018 Endorsed; Solicited by or on behalf of Security LTR: AA+ **Series: 2018** 02-May-2025 the issuer (sell side) AA+ Review - No Action Unenhanced Long Term Rating **RATING HISTORY** 10 rows Page 1 of 3 ~ NEXT **05** Disclosures **ENDORSEMENT STATUS SOLICITATION STATUS** EU Endorsed, UK Endorsed Long Term Rating **Unenhanced Long Term Rating COUNTRY OF FITCH OFFICE**

06 Criteria

United States

∩1 EXPIRED CRITERIA

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

23 EXPIRED CRITERIA

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

8 EXPIRED CRITERIA

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

Solicited - Sell Side

Solicited - Sell Side

03 EXPIRED CRITERIA

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



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08 Related Credits and Issuers

RELATED CREDITS	RELATED ISSUERS	
-	Erie County Water Authority (NY)	

	VANT ESG SCALE	Ratings Key	Outlook	Watch		
How relevant a	re E, S and G issues to the overall credit rating?	POSITIVE				
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.	NEGATIVE EVOLVING				
	Relevant to rating, not a key rating driver but has an impact on the rating in combination with other	STABLE				
factors. Equivalent to "moderate" relative importance within Navigator		* Ratings displayed in orange denotes EU or UK Unsolicited and Non-Participatory Ratings				
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.	Where there was a review with no ratin	-	e refer to the "Latest		
2	Irrelevant to the entity rating but relevant to the sector.	*Premium Content is displayed in Fitch	Red			
1	Irrelevant to the entity rating and irrelevant to the sector					

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