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Reference No. 11183699

Michael J. Quinn, PE, BCEE
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Cheektowaga, New York 14227

Transmitted via email only

Dear Mr. Quinn:

**Re: State Environmental Quality Review Requirements
Guenther Pump Station Rehabilitation
ECWA Project No. 201800138 – Contract No. GHD-007**

At your request, GHD completed a review of the requirements under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the above referenced project. The proposed project involves the rehabilitation of an existing pump station including the implementation of pumping modifications and upgrades to existing mechanical, electrical and piping systems. In addition, the improvements include the construction of an approximately 2,300 square foot addition to the existing building. We offer the following comments relative to SEQRA.

Pursuant to SEQRA, an action is subject to review under SEQRA if any state or local agency funds or directly undertakes the action, or has authority to issue a discretionary permit, license or other type of approval for that action. The ECWA is a Public Benefit Corporation formed to provide a potable water supply to residents of Erie County and has retained GHD to facilitate the completion of the above reference project. Therefore, the proposed project is subject to review under SEQRA since the ECWA, as a local agency, is directly funding the project.

The project does not meet or exceed any Type 1 thresholds under SEQRA but rather meets the definition of a Type 2 action involving the maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of an existing facility, as well as the expansion of an existing structure involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area. This assumes the proposed project is compliant with local zoning regulations and land use controls. As a Type 2 action, the project has been found categorically to not have significant adverse impacts on the environment and no further review under SEQRA is required. Type 2 actions do not require the preparation of an environmental assessment form and there are no formal documentation requirements under SEQRA. However, in accordance with SEQRA guidelines, it is recommended that the ECWA document in the project file that the project was considered under SEQRA and met the requirements for a Type 2 action.

Sincerely,

GHD

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Project Director

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cc: Clayton Johnson, P.E. – ECWA