## NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Waste and Facilities Management Committee Meeting Held on October 23, 2024

Pursuant to a notice and agenda dated October 15, 2024, the seventy-sixth (76<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Waste and Facilities Management Committee ("Committee") of the NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("Authority") was convened at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at the Authority's Albany Office located at 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York and at the NY Green Bank ("NYGB") Office located at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, New York, New York. The two locations were connected by videoconference.

The following Members of the Committee were present:

Charles Bell, Vice Chair of the Authority and Committee Chair attended from NYGB Richard Kauffman, Chair of the Authority attended from NYGB Sherburne Abbott attended from NYGB Lindsay Greene attended from NYGB

Also present were Doreen Harris, President and CEO; John Williams, Executive Vice President for Policy and Regulatory Affairs; Pam Poisson, Chief Financial Officer; Anthony J. Fiore, Chief Program Officer; Peter J. Costello, General Counsel and Secretary to the Authority; Janice Dean, Deputy Counsel and Secretary to the Committee; Dale Bryk, Member of the Board and various other staff of the Authority.

Committee Chair Bell called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. Notice of this meeting was provided to the Committee Members on October 15, 2024 and to the press on October 16, 2024.

Committee Chair Bell indicated that the first item on the agenda concerned the approval of the minutes of the seventy-fifth (75<sup>th</sup>) Committee meeting held on April 29, 2024.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous voice vote of the Committee Members, the minutes of the seventy-fifth (75<sup>th</sup>) Committee meeting held on April 29, 2024, were approved.

Committee Chair Bell indicated that the next item on the agenda was the review and approval of the Waste and Facilities Management Committee Charter. Pursuant to the Public Authority's Accountability Act of 2005, each of the Authority's Committees adopted Charters setting forth each Committee's responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is to periodically review its Charter and determine what, if any, amendments need to be made. These recommendations are then presented to the full Board for consideration. Counsel's Office continually monitors relevant guidance from the Authorities Budget Office; the Comptroller's Office; legislation; and other authority practices to determine whether to recommend any modifications. Other authorities reviewed by counsel include: the New York Power Authority; the Long Island Power Authority; the New York State Dormitory Authority; and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. Management is not recommending any changes to the Waste and Facilities Management Committee Charter at this time.

Whereafter upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous voice vote of the Committee Members, the following resolution was adopted.

## Resolution

RESOLVED, amendments to the Authority's Waste and Facilities Management Committee Charter as presented for consideration at this October 23, 2024 meeting, with such non-substantive, editorial changes and grammatical changes as the President and Chief Executive Officer, in their discretion, may deem necessary or appropriate, is recommended for adoption and approval by the Board.

Committee Chair Bell indicated that the next item on the agenda was the status report on the West Valley Management Program activities and asked West Valley Program Manager Brad Frank to present this item.

Program Manager Frank provided the Committee with an update on the demolition of the Main Plant Process Building and noted that the demolition work is expected to be completed in the summer of 2025.

Next, Program Manager Frank reported that the Department of Energy ("DOE") is continuing to make progress on the procurement for the decommissioning work that will follow demolition activities and noted that the contract award should be announced in late 2024.

Lastly, Program Manager Frank provided the Committee with an overview of the work that will be completed by the West Valley Demolition Project in the next year noting that it is to repair and strengthen an earthen spillway that is part of the water supply system.

In response to an inquiry from Member Greene related to whether the spillway work relates primarily to surface water and not groundwater, Program Manager Frank confirmed and explained that the spillway is clean water from local streams and was used by the site's operator back in the 1960s and 1970s to bring fresh potable water to the site and is currently used for augmentation water.

In response to an inquiry from the Chair as to the nature of the risk, Program Manager Frank explained that the risk to the spillway is the lakes and dams. A rail spur runs along those dams, and it is important that the rail spur is protected to ensure that the spillway is robust enough to maintain for the next 20-30 years.

In response to an inquiry from Member Greene as to the nature of the concern as to general site management, Program Manager Frank confirmed that the spillway repair is general waterway site management and not related to the specific needs of West Valley.

In response to an inquiry from the Chair as to the Phase 2 costs for subsurface work, Program Manager Frank confirmed that the subsurface work, or Phase 2, is fully covered by the Authority's agreement with DOE.

In response to an inquiry from Committee Chair Bell, Program Manager Frank stated that the Main Plant Process Building was built in 1962 or 1963 and went into operation in 1966.

In response to an inquiry from Committee Chair Bell regarding the source of the subsurface contamination, Program Manager Frank explained that there is contamination below the surface in the soil due to several leaks within the Main Plant Process Building that occurred during the operating days from 1966-1972.

Committee Chair Bell indicated that the last item on the agenda was other business. There being no other business, Committee Chair Bell called for a motion to adjourn.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous voice vote of the Committee Members, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Dean

Secretary to the Committee

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## NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

October 16, 2024

## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WASTE AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the seventy-sixth (76th) meeting of the WASTE AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the "Authority") will be held at 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York, and at the NY Green Bank Office located at 1333 Broadway, New York, New York, on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, commencing at 11:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To consider the Minutes of the seventy-fifth (75<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Committee held on April 29, 2024.
- 2. To consider and act upon a resolution recommending approval of the Waste and Facilities Management Committee Charter.
- 3. To receive a report on the West Valley program.
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Committee.

Members of the public may attend the meeting at any of the above locations, or via the video conference which can be accessed at https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/About/Board-Governance/Board-and-Committee-Meetings.

The Authority will be posting a video and a transcript of the meeting to the web as soon as practicable after the meeting. The video and transcript will be posted at http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/About/Board-Governance/Board-and-Committee-Meetings.

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