§ 1045-b. Definitions. As used or referred to in this title, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

1. "Authority" shall mean the public benefit corporation created by section one thousand forty-five-c of this title, known as the New York city municipal water finance authority.

2. "Bonds" shall mean bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the authority pursuant to this title and the provisions of this title relating to bonds and bondholders shall apply with equal force and effect to notes and noteholders, respectively, unless the context otherwise clearly requires.

3. "City" shall mean the city of New York.

4. "Comptroller" shall mean the comptroller of the city.

5. "Construction" shall mean the acquisition, erection, building, alteration, improvement, increase, enlargement, extension, reconstruction, renovation or rehabilitation of a water, sewerage or water and sewerage system or water project, as the case may be, as defined herein; the inspection and supervision thereof; and the engineering, architectural, legal, fiscal and economic and environmental investigations and studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, procedures and other actions incidental thereto and claims arising therefrom.

6. "Contracting agency" shall mean any municipality, agency, authority or board, state agency, public authority or public benefit corporation authorized to award contracts for design, construction, services or materials for water projects authorized by this title.

7. (a) "Cost", as applied to any water project, shall include the cost of construction, the cost of the acquisition of all property, including both real, personal and mixed, the cost of demolishing, removing or relocating any buildings or structures on lands so acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which such buildings or structures

may be moved or relocated, the cost of all systems, facilities, machinery, apparatus and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to, during and after construction to the extent not paid or provided for from revenues or other sources, the cost of engineering and architectural surveys, plans and specifications, the cost of consultants' and legal services, the cost of lease guarantee or bond insurance, other expenses necessary, reasonably related or incidental to the construction of such water project and the financing of the construction thereof, including the amount authorized in the resolution of the authority providing for the issuance of bonds to be paid into any reserve or other special fund from the proceeds of such bonds and the financing of the placing of any water project in operation, including reimbursement to any municipality, state agency, the state, the United States government, or any other person for expenditures that would be costs of the water project hereunder.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, with respect to any fund established to support a program of water projects in Westchester and Putnam counties from the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this chapter, "cost" as applied to any water project shall also include any interest paid after January twenty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, without any other limitation as to when paid and without regard to the availability of any other sources of payment therefor, on bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any local governmental entity after January twenty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven to finance expenditures that would otherwise be costs of such water projects.

8. "Mayor" shall mean the mayor of the city of New York.

9. "Municipal bond" shall mean a bond, note or other evidence of indebtedness lawfully issued by the city pursuant to the local finance law or any other law applicable thereto.

10. "Person" shall mean any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation organized or existing under the laws of the state or any other state, exclusive of public corporations as defined pursuant to article two-A of the general construction law.

11. "Real property" shall mean lands, structures, franchises and interests in land, waters, lands under water, groundwater riparian rights and air rights and any and all things and rights included within said term and includes not only fees simple absolute, but also any and all lesser interests including, but not limited to, easements, rights of way, uses, leases, licenses and all other incorporeal hereditaments and every estate, interest or rights, legal or equitable, including terms for years and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise.

12. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together with such groundwater infiltration and surface water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

13. "Sewerage facility" or "sewerage facilities" shall mean any plants, structures and other real and personal property acquired, rehabilitated or constructed or planned for the purpose of collecting, treating and disposing of sewage, including main, trunk, intercepting, connecting, lateral, outlet or other sewers, outfall, pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, groundwater recharge basins, back-flow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or disposal equipment and facilities, clarifiers, filters, phosphorous removal equipment, and other plants, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment, neutralizing, storing and disposing of sewage.

14. "Sewerage system" shall mean the sewage collection, pumping, treatment neutralizing, storage and disposal system or systems in the possession of, or under the jurisdiction and control of, the city or the water board, including all additions, increases, enlargements, extensions or improvements thereto.

15. "State" shall mean the state of New York.

16. "State agency" shall mean any state office, department, board, commission, bureau or division, or other agency or instrumentality of the state.

17. "System revenues" shall mean rents, fees, charges, payments and other income and receipts derived from users of a water system or sewerage system of the city or the water board including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, investment proceeds and proceeds of insurance, condemnation, sale or other disposition of any part thereof, together with all federal or state aid therefor.

18. "Water board" shall mean the water board or a sewer and water board, as the case may be, created by a special act of the state legislature, for the city as a body corporate and politic, constituting a public benefit corporation, and having the powers and duties as provided in this title.

19. "Water facility" or "water facilities" shall mean any plants, structures and other real and personal property acquired, rehabilitated, or constructed or planned for the purpose of supplying, distributing or treating water, including but not limited to surface or groundwater reservoirs, basins, dams, canals, aqueducts, standpipes, conduits, pipelines, mains, pumping stations, water distribution systems, compensating reservoirs, intake stations, water-works or sources of water supply, wells, purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, connections, water meters, rights of flowage or division and other plants, structures, equipment, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the accumulation, supply, treatment or distribution of water.

20. "Water project" shall mean any sewerage facility, water facility or water and sewerage facility, as the case may be, including the planning, development, financing or construction thereof.

21. "Water system" shall mean the water supply and distribution system or systems owned by, in the possession of the city or the water board or

under the jurisdiction, control and regulation of the city, including all additions, increases, enlargements, extensions or improvements thereto.