§ 1096-a. Additional duties of the authority. 1. The authority shall submit to the president of the Monroe county legislature a copy of the authority's preliminary budget, annual budget or amended budget, certified by the treasurer of the authority, not later than thirty days prior to the date on which the annual budget is adopted or approved by the authority. The authority shall give notice in writing to the president of the Monroe county legislature not later than thirty days prior to anticipated final approval of any construction projects to be undertaken by the authority involving water mains in excess of twelve inches in size, construction of mains in geographical areas theretofore undeveloped or not supplied with a public water supply, storage facilities, pumping stations or water treatment facilities utilizing funds of either the authority or funds of the county of Monroe under subdivision sixteen-b of section one thousand ninety-six of this title provided, however, that the foregoing shall not in any event be deemed to include: modernization, renewal and replacement, repair, maintenance of or improvement in properties or facilities; preliminary undertakings such as studies, tests, evaluations, reports, preparation of engineering plans and specifications, obtaining property rights and obtaining of necessary governmental approvals; construction activities deemed necessary by the authority in an emergency to protect life, property, health or the public safety; changes during construction which do not materially change the essential service area affected by a project; and construction activities within the terms of the last sentence of this subdivision. In the event the Monroe county legislature, by its resolution adopted at any time within sixty days after receipt by the president of the county legislature of the notice from the authority herein provided for, requests any change in such project, the authority shall conduct a public informational meeting upon ten days' notice to be published twice consecutively in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of Monroe prior to the authority granting final approval or prior to the commencement of construction of such project. The authority shall give written notice to the president of the Monroe county legislature not less than thirty days prior to the date of any final action of the authority with respect to any change in the rates of the authority. The authority shall conduct a public informational meeting upon ten days' notice to be published twice consecutively in a newspaper

of general circulation in the county of Monroe relative to any change in such rates prior to the effective date of such change. The foregoing provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to or require the authority to in any way violate or impair the rights and remedies of or covenants with the holders of obligations of the authority pursuant to any resolution or trust indenture of or binding upon the authority adopted or executed authorizing or securing obligations of the authority or abrogate the rights and powers of the authority to fulfill its duties and obligations to comply with all the terms, covenants or requirements required or provided by any existing contractual agreement or provided or required by statute or the order or direction or approval of a federal, state or local governmental entity having appropriate jurisdiction or authority.

2. The authority shall be empowered to develop and adopt an administrative code, subject to amendment from time to time, concerning such cooperative interrelationships between the authority and the county of Monroe, including the duties of the authority under subdivision one of this section. Any such code, or any amendment thereto, shall be submitted to the president of the county legislature not less than ninety days prior to its adoption by the authority for approval by such legislature.