§ 1199-a. Definitions. As used or referred to in this title, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

1. "Authority" means the corporation created by section one thousand one hundred ninety-nine-c of this title.

2. "Bonds" means the 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. "Civil service commission" means the civil service commission of the county.

4. "Comptroller" means the comptroller of the state.

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

6. "Cost" as applied to any project, includes the cost of construction, the cost of the acquisition of all property, including real property and other property, both real and personal and improved and unimproved, 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 consultant and legal services, the cost

of lease guarantee or bond insurance and the cost of other expenses necessary or incidental to the construction of such 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 project in operation, including reimbursement to the county, or any municipality, state agency, the state, the United States government, or any other person for expenditures that would be costs of the project hereunder had they been made directly by the authority.

7. "County" means the county of Rensselaer.

8. "County executive" means the county executive of the county.

9. "County legislature" means the county legislature of the county.

10. "District" means the Rensselaer county water and sewer district created by section one thousand one hundred ninety-nine-b of this title.

11. "Distribution system" means the water facility or facilities employed to deliver water from a transmission facility, or where there is no transmission facility, from a supply facility, to the ultimate consumers of such water.

12. "Governing body" means the members of the authority constituting and acting as the governing body of the authority.

13. "Municipality" means any county, city, town, village, improvement district under the town law, any other such instrumentality, including any agency, or public corporation of the state, or any of the foregoing or any combination thereof.

14. "Person" means any natural person, partnership, association, joint venture or corporation, exclusive of a public corporation.

15. "Project" means any water facility, sewerage facility or water and

sewerage facility.

16. "Properties" means the water, sewerage and water and sewerage system or systems of the authority, whether situated within or without the territorial limits of the district, including the plants, works, structures, instrumentalities or part thereof and appurtenances thereto, real property, water facilities, sewerage facilities or any other property incidental to and included in such system or systems or part thereof, and any improvements, extensions and betterments.

17. "Real property" means lands, structures, franchises, rights and interests in land, waters, lands underwater, 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 right, legal or equitable, including terms for years and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise.

18. "Revenues" means all rates, rents, fees, charges, payments and other income and receipts derived from the operation of the properties of the authority including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, investment proceeds and proceeds of insurance, condemnation, and sale or other disposition of assets, together with all federal, state or municipal aid.

19. "Sewage" means 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.

20. "Sewerage facility" or "sewerage facilities" means any plants, structures and other real and personal property acquired, rehabilitated or constructed or planned for the purpose of collecting, conveying, pumping, treating, neutralizing, storing and disposing of sewage, including but not limited to main, trunk, intercepting, connecting,

lateral, outlet or other sewers, outfalls, pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, groundwater recharge basins, back-flow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or disposal equipment and facilities, clarifiers, filters, phosphorus removal equipment and other plants, works, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, contract rights, franchises, approaches, connections, permits, 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.

21. "State" means the state of New York.

22. "State agency" means any state officer, public benefit corporation, department, board, commission, bureau or division, or other agency or instrumentality of the state.

23. "Supply facility" means a water facility employed to make groundwater or surface water available for delivery into a transmission facility or distribution system.

24. "Transmission facility" means a water facility used to carry water from a supply facility to a distribution system.

25. "Water facility" or "water facilities" means any plants, structures and other real and personal property acquired, rehabilitated or constructed or planned for the purpose of accumulating, supplying, transmitting, treating or distributing water, including but not limited to surface or groundwater reservoirs, basins, dams, canals, aqueducts, standpipes, conduits, pipelines, mains, pumping stations, pumps, water distribution systems, compensating reservoirs, intake stations, waterworks or sources of water supply, wells, purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, contract rights, franchises, approaches, connections, permits, water meters, rights of flowage or diversion and other plants, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the accumulation, supply, transmission, treatment or distribution of water.