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\$12,495,000 Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority Revenue Re: Bonds (Oconee-Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Project), Series 2023

To the Addressee:

We have acted as disclosure counsel for the Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority (the "Authority") in connection with the issuance of the above-referenced bonds (the "Series 2023 Bonds"). Terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Official Statement hereinafter referred to.

In such capacity, we have examined the Preliminary Official Statement, dated July 26, 2023 and the Official Statement, dated August 1, 2023 with respect to the Series 2023 Bonds (together, the "Official Statement"), the Indenture, the Contract, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Disclosure Certificate and such other documents as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed. In all such examinations, we have assumed the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as original documents and the authenticity of originals of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies.

In accordance with our understanding with the Authority, we have rendered legal advice and assistance to the Authority in the course of the Authority's investigation pertaining to, and the Authority's participation in the preparation of, the Official Statement. Rendering such assistance involved, among other things, discussions and inquiries concerning various legal matters and the review of the documents referred to above. We have also participated in conferences with representatives with the Authority, and its counsel, and representatives of the Underwriter, during which the contents of the Official Statement and related matters were discussed and reviewed. The limitations inherent in the independent verification of factual matters and the character of

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determinations involved in the preparation of the Official Statement are such, however, that we do not assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Official Statement.

While we have not otherwise undertaken to verify, and do not pass upon or otherwise assume any responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in the Official Statement, nothing has come to our attention during the course of our representation of you as described above which would lead us to believe that the Official Statement (except for financial statements and notes thereto, and financial and statistical data included in the Official Statement, as to which no view is expressed) contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Based on our review of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, dated as of August 1, 2023, executed by the County (the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate") and Section 240.15c2-12 of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 15c2-12"), we are of the opinion that the Continuing Disclosure Certificate will permit you to comply with clause (b)(5) under Rule 15c2-12 in connection with the primary offering of the Series 2023 Bonds.

We have participated in conferences with your representatives and representatives of the Authority and the County during which the contents of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and related matters were discussed and reviewed. The limitations inherent in the independent verification of factual matters and the character of determinations involved in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement are such, however, that we do not assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Preliminary Official Statement or in the Official Statement.

On the basis of the information that was developed in the course of the performance of the services referred to above, considered in light of our understanding of the applicable law and the experience we have gained through our practice thereunder, we advise you that nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Preliminary Official Statement or Official Statement (other than the statistical and financial data included therein and the financial statements and related notes and schedules attached thereto as Appendix A, and the information appearing under the captions "THE SERIES 2023 BONDS - Book-Entry System of Registration" and Appendix A, as to which we express no view) as of the date thereof, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading

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This letter is delivered to and for the sole benefit of you as the Underwriter and is delivered solely for your consideration in conjunction with the initial purchase and resale of the Series 2023 Bonds by the Underwriter on or about this date. This letter may not be utilized by the Underwriter for any other purpose whatsoever and may not be quoted or distributed by the Underwriter without our express prior written consent in each instance. No persons other than the Underwriter may rely upon this letter without our express prior written consent. We assume no obligation to review or supplement this letter subsequent to its date, whether by reason of a change in facts or circumstances or a change in current law, by legislative or regulatory action, by judicial decision or for any other reason.

GRAY, PANNELL & WOODWARD LLP By: an A Partner

Very truly yours,

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