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**Eric Rothstein** has more than 25 years of experience in water, wastewater, and stormwater utility finance, rate-making, financial capability assessments; and use of structured decision processes for financial and institutional issues.

Mr. Rothstein's recent projects include as Jefferson County, Alabama's rate consultant and municipal advisor for litigation related to the County's bankruptcy, subsequent negotiation of a Plan of Adjustment, and eventual exit from the second largest municipal bankruptcy filing in U.S. history involving issuance of \$1.7 billion in sewer warrants. Since 2003, he has led strategic financial planning for the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management, and prepared the City's Financial Capability-Based Schedule Extension Report. For several permittees (Atlanta, Akron, EBMUD, Honolulu, Guam, NEORS, St. Louis), he has provided strategic and financial consulting and negotiation support services on financial capability assessment and low-income affordability issues.

Mr. Rothstein has prepared several documents for NACWA on financial capability assessment issues including *Financial Capability and Affordability in Wet Weather Negotiations* (2005), *Principles for Assessment and Negotiation of Financial Capability: A Compilation of Resources* (2007) and most recently *The Evolving Landscape for Financial Capability Assessment, Clean Water Act Negotiations and the Opportunities of Integrated Planning* (2013). Rothstein chaired the WEF Financing and Charges for Wastewater Systems Manual of Practice Task Force and AWWA Water Rate Structures and Pricing Manual of Practice Task Force and continues to serve on the national AWWA Competitive Practices and Rates & Charges Committees and the WEF and NACWA Utility Management Committees.

Mr. Rothstein has a BA in Economics and History from Ripon College, in Ripon, Wis., and an MA in Economics from the University of California-Davis.