## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 11-K/A (Amendment No. 1)

# [X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021

OR

# [] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Commission file number 1-6659** 

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

#### ESSENTIAL UTILITIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Essential Utilities, Inc. 762 W. Lancaster Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

# EXPLANATORY NOTE

Essential Utilities, Inc. is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its Report on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed on June 22, 2022 (the "Original Filing"), to correct the consent of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. attached as Exhibit 23.1 in the Original Filing. The incorrect consent was attached to the Original Filing, the correct consent of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. is attached to this Amendment No. 1. Other than as expressly set forth herein, this Amendment No. 1 does not, and does not purport to, amend, update, or restate the information in any item of the Original Filing or reflect any events that have occurred after the Original Filing was filed.

The following document attached as exhibit hereto is incorporated by reference herein:

Exhibit <u>Number</u> <u>Description</u>

23.1 Consent of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Administrator has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan

Date: June 24, 2022

/s/ Christopher P. Luning Christopher P. Luning Secretary Essential Utilities, Inc. Retirement and Employee Benefits Committee

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-148206) on Form S-8 of Essential Utilities, Inc. of our report dated June 22, 2022, with respect to the statements of net assets available for benefits of Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2021, which report appears in the December 31, 2021 annual report on Form 11-K of the Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan.

/s/ Schneider Downs & Co., Inc.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 22, 2022