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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4436

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a municipal district heating
1.3 and cooling energy distribution system in the city of Rochester.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEM; ROCHESTER; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$15,800,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner
1.7 of commerce for a grant to the city of Rochester for the municipal district heating and
1.8 cooling energy distribution system connecting the Mayo Civic Center, Rochester City Hall,
1.9 Rochester Art Center, Rochester Civic Theater, and Rochester Public Library with capacity
1.10 to connect to future public and private developments on other nearby property sites. This
1.11 appropriation may be used for one or more of the project elements or phases: predesign,
1.12 design, engineering, construction, and equipping the facility, systems, and infrastructure,
1.13 including capital improvements related to renewable energy sources such as solar thermal,
1.14 geothermal, solar panels, and replacement of building controls. In addition, expenditures
1.15 made by the city before enactment of this section related to predesign, design, and engineering
1.16 are included in the nonstate contribution to the project. This appropriation is available when
1.17 the commissioner of management and budget determines that sufficient resources have been
1.18 committed to complete the project from nonstate sources. This is a onetime appropriation
1.19 and is available until the project is completed or abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes,
1.20 section 16A.642.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.