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A bill for an act

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relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a municipal district heating

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and cooling energy distribution system in the city of Rochester.

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

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

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\$15,800,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner

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of commerce for a grant to the city of Rochester for the municipal district heating and

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cooling energy distribution system connecting the Mayo Civic Center, Rochester City Hall,

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Rochester Art Center, Rochester Civic Theater, and Rochester Public Library with capacity

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to connect to future public and private developments on other nearby property sites. This

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appropriation may be used for one or more of the project elements or phases: predesign,

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design, engineering, construction, and equipping the facility, systems, and infrastructure,

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including capital improvements related to renewable energy sources such as solar thermal,

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geothermal, solar panels, and replacement of building controls. In addition, expenditures

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made by the city before enactment of this section related to predesign, design, and engineering

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are included in the nonstate contribution to the project. This appropriation is available when

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the commissioner of management and budget determines that sufficient resources have been

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committed to complete the project from nonstate sources. This is a onetime appropriation

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and is available until the project is completed or abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes,

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section 16A.642.

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