## ST. CLOUD GREEN **HYDROGEN** PROJECT

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PROJECT

FUNDING

\$14.5 million

PROJECT

TOTAL



March 25, 2025

To: Co- Chair Acomb, Co- Chair Swedzinski and Members of the House Energy Finance and Policy Committee. HF 2366 (Wolgamott) Re: Request for Renewable Development Account Funding City of St. Cloud, MN Green Hydrogen Project

We are writing to express our support of the City of St. Cloud's Green Hydrogen Project.

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The Green Hydrogen Project is moving forward in St. Cloud, with an expected start-up date in late 2025 or early 2026. To ensure the project is successful and operates efficiently, additional resources are needed. Due to challenges with grid capacity, extra equipment and funding are required to reach full production potential and maximize the benefits of this clean energy fuel.

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The City of St. Cloud's Nutrient, Energy and Water Recovery Facility has a track record of success with innovative green energy projects. The proposed funding for the St. Cloud Green Hydrogen Project would take advantage of institutional knowledge and experience and allow for the development of a project with significant regional and state-wide benefits.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this funding proposal.

Sincerely,

Ryan I. Daniel Chief Executive Officer

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Co-Chair Acomb Co- Chair Swedzinski Members of the House Energy Finance and Policy Committee 658 Cedar Street St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF2366 (Wolgamott) City of St. Cloud, MN - Green Hydrogen Project

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Jennifer McNeill Vice President, Sales and Marketing

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Dear Co-Chair's Swedzinski and Acomb:

I am writing to express Niron Magnetics enthusiastic support for the City of St. Cloud's Green Hydrogen Project.

In 2024, Niron Magnetics announced plans to build a new 200,000 square foot permanent magnet manufacturing facility in Sartell, Minnesota. Niron Magnetics is a partnership with the University of Minnesota and U.S. Department of Energy, specializing in the production of rare earth free iron nitride permanent magnets, which use iron, nitrogen, and hydrogen in the manufacturing process. As a manufacturer, we are excited to partner with the City of St. Cloud on the Green Hydrogen Project, which will provide a local renewable energy system for clean hydrogen.

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This pioneering project will help revolutionize energy use in Minnesota and create an alternative pathway to secure clean energy projects to grow Minnesota's manufacturing and transportation industries.

We eagerly support the development of St. Cloud's Green Hydrogen Project, and its ability to help drive business growth in the region.

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Mark A. Schramek Vice President Government Affairs