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Executive Vice President
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VIA EMAIL ([REDACTED])

Greg McCabe
Chairman of the Board
Next Bridge Hydrocarbons, Inc.
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Dear Mr. McCabe:

I received your letter of January 18, 2024. FINRA would welcome the opportunity to review the information you have regarding the number of short positions in Next Bridge Hydrocarbons, Inc's common stock, so we can discuss it with you on an informed basis.

Please send that information to us by email or return correspondence. After we have reviewed the information, we can schedule a meeting to meaningfully discuss the matter.

Very truly yours,


Robert Colby

