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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 23, 2024, in which you request an in-person meeting with members of FINRA, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and Next Bridge Hydrocarbons. FINRA staff welcomes the opportunity to meet with you to understand your perspective on the nature and extent of short positions in Next Bridge Hydrocarbons common stock.

For a constructive conversation at our meeting, please provide us in advance any specific information you have regarding the names of the financial institutions referenced in your letter, and the size and location of the referenced short positions. We will then analyze the information and compare it to our estimate of the aggregate short interest position in MMTLP shares in accounts held at FINRA-member broker-dealers. Without this information it will be difficult to have a productive meeting.

Please provide me with a range of dates that you would be available for a meeting, preferably in Washington, DC. We are unable to speak to whether the SEC is available to join us; you should reach out to them directly to discuss your request.

Very truly yours,

Robert Colby