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Minnehaha County Commission Chair Bender and Commissioners Karsky, Beninga, Bleyenbergh, and Kippley,

This is in response to your letter to my fellow commissioners and me regarding the Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC docket, [HP22-002](#), currently open before the commission.

Your concerns about the pipeline's pathway through Minnehaha County are ones I assure you that I am mindful of as this docket continues to be reviewed. Those of us at the commission are carefully assessing potential hazards, first responder training and assistance, decommissioning, and the handling of damages, should the company be granted a siting permit. We respect your rights as a county to regulate aspects of the project's route in concert with state and federal law.

The commission opened this docket on Sept. 27, 2022, after receiving the application for a siting permit from Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC. The documents filed with that application continue to be reviewed by the commission's staff along with other state agency staff and expert witnesses engaged by commission staff, as well as intervenors, my fellow commissioners and me. The formal parties to the docket are working through the discovery process, researching and drafting testimony, and preparing for the evidentiary hearing. This discovery process includes many rounds of questions being asked of Navigator, while the company's plans and answers to ongoing questioning are being analyzed. These details will be dissected further during the evidentiary hearing.

This two-page [Pipeline Siting Information Guide](#), posted on the commission website home page and in the docket, may be helpful in understanding the commission's processing of a siting docket such as this.

Since commissioners will ultimately rule on this docket, any communication involving us must take place in an open, public forum, and available via the docket. As such, your letter and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in HP22-002.

Thank you for writing to the commission and sharing your concerns.

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