

# Basin Electric representatives meet with STB officials in Minot

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Basin Electric representatives met with [U.S. Surface Transportation Board](#) (STB) Chairman Daniel Elliott and STB Vice Chairman Ann Begeman during the STB officials' visit to Minot, ND, Sept. 26.

Basin Electric CEO and General Manager Andrew M. Serri and Chris VandeVenter, Basin Electric legislative representative, visited with Elliott and Begeman about Basin Electric's commitment to working with the STB and Congress to achieve meaningful rail reform to promote competition and shipper access.

Basin Electric relies on rail service for transport of fuel and co-products to and from several of its facilities, and in 2009 won a case before the STB to ensure reasonable rail rates regarding the shipment of coal to Laramie River Station, Wheatland, WY, which is partly-owned and operated by Basin Electric. That case was appealed by the railroad and has been working its way through the federal court system the last several years. [Read more about that case here.](#)

Basin Electric is a member of [Consumers United for Rail Equity](#) (CURE) to help ensure fair and reasonable rail rates for rail-dependent shippers, and Serri is a member of CURE's executive committee.

The STB officials were in North Dakota to tour rail facilities and visit with rail shippers in the state. The STB is an economic regulatory agency that Congress charged with resolving railroad rate and service disputes and reviewing proposed railroad mergers. The STB is decisionally independent, although it is administratively affiliated with the U.S. Department of Transportation.