

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Ex Parte 711 (Sub. No. 1)

**Summary of Ex Parte Meeting Between The National Grain and Feed Association
and Surface Transportation Board Member Karen J. Hedlund**

April 28, 2022

NGFA Attendees:

- Max Fisher, Chief Economist and Treasurer
- Tom Wilcox, Transportation Counsel to NGFA

STB Attendees:

- Board Member Karen Hedlund
- Chip Vance, Attorney Advisor

Meeting Summary

The NGFA representatives thanked Board Member Hedlund for the opportunity to further discuss the Board's 2016 reciprocal switching proposal. Board Member Hedlund thanked NGFA for meeting with her and offering NGFA's perspective. Mr. Fisher provided some additional information about the usefulness of existing interchanges and switching arrangements for NGFA members who could benefit from reciprocal switching. It was generally discussed how existing interchange points and yards where railroads currently perform reciprocal switching could be beneficial to grain shippers. There was also a general discussion about the extent to which reciprocal switching relief should be based on a standard that requires a finding of fault on the part of the incumbent railroad.

The meeting concluded with Board Member Hedlund thanking NGFA for meeting with her and the NGFA team thanking Board Member Hedlund for her time.