

## Basin Electric receives Five-Star Recognition in Wyoming



Ron Harper (left) and Reuben Ritthaler accept the award from Major General Ed Wright.

Basin Electric has once again received Five-Star Recognition by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) committee, but this time in Wyoming. On Jan. 5, ESGR acknowledged Basin Electric's efforts in supporting its military employees who serve in the National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. Basin Electric CEO and General Manager Ron Harper signed the statement of support pledging Basin Electric will continually offer full cooperation for its military employees.

Dallas Wade, Laramie River Station plant manager, Harper, and Reuben Ritthaler, Basin Electric director, stood by as Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, adjutant general of Wyoming, formally recognized Basin Electric during the presentation.

Basin Electric received Five-Star Recognition by ESGR in North Dakota in August 2005.

*For more information on the Five-Star Recognition, visit [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org).*

# Kudos

## Bartholomew receives NRECA Region VII award



Glenn English (left), CEO of NRECA, and Ron Bergh, NRECA board president (right), present George "Bart" Bartholomew with the Outstanding Service Award.

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Retired Basin Electric employee George "Bart" Bartholomew was presented the Outstanding Service Award at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Region VII meeting held in Cheyenne, WY, Oct 11 -13.

Upon receiving the award, Bartholomew noted he was raised on a farm in North Dakota. "We got electricity in 1952," he said. "I remember."

Bartholomew insisted there is no way he could have done so much alone. "There are too many people to thank," he said. "It takes everyone working as a team."

Bartholomew began his career with Basin Electric on Jan. 1, 1970, as a right-of-way specialist and advanced to assistant right-of-way manager by January of 1975. In 1976 he

transferred to Wheatland, WY, to head up the right-of-way program for the Missouri Basin Power Project (MBPP).

In 1978 he assumed responsibility for MBPP's nationally renowned Impact Alleviation Program, which included monitoring and reporting on a monthly basis the status of more than 2,000 workers at the peak of the project's construction period.

By 1979 Bartholomew was named Wyoming supervisor of community development and legislation. In 1985 he was named director of Wyoming communications & government relations and held that position until his retirement from Basin Electric on Dec. 31, 1998. From 1979 through 1998 he was MBPP's representative to the Wyoming legislature, all state and local agencies, and