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To whom it may concern,

As a board member of the Blue Mountain Translator District, I am writing this to show the importance of supporting the power line up to the towers on Mount Fanny. We as a board are elected volunteers, we serve the district as a "not-for profit" corporation under (ORS 354.650 to 354.715). Our job is to maintain the best service possible. We use the funds for the good of the district. We serve Union, Baker & Umatilla Counties with not only television broadcasting, but also support Emergency Services, and many other tenants.

The power line owned by BMTD was installed around 1959. It has served us well for over 65 years, however it does need to be repaired and maintained. It crosses both private land and US Forest Service. The line powers communications for Oregon State Police, Oregon Dept. of Transportation, Oregon Public Broadcasting, and radio stations that function as emergency alert systems for our rural area. This is critical for responding to emergency situations.

If repairs are not made we face losing this valuable tool. Mt Fanny is the best site in Union County for the coverage.

Thank you for the opportunity to give our written testimony.

Helen Tucker,
Board Member BMTD