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RE: Request to be admitted as a party in the contested case hearing for CDUP HA-3568 for the Thirty Meter Telescope in the Mauna Kea Lands, Ka'ohe, Hamakua District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 4-4-015:009

I'm requesting to be admitted as a party to the above contested case hearing pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules §13-1-31. This request should be granted because: (1) Requestor has a property interest in the lands of Mauna Kea through the exercise of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices; (2) Requestor will be affected by the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope project and has an interest in the proceedings that are clearly distinguishable from the general public; (3) Requestor has a substantial interest in the proceedings; (4) Requestor's participation will substantially assist the board in its decision making; (5) Requestor's position is not substantially the same as any existing parties to the proceedings; and (6) Requestor's participation will add substantially new relevant information and will not make the proceedings inefficient and unmanageable.

Requestor's specific, substantial interests in the contested case proceedings also consists as follows: I am a native Hawaiian. I am also descendent from other nationalities and cultures. I have been a resident of Hawaii Island my entire life. I am 62 years old. I first began going to Mauna Kea fifty years ago. I have been there to practice my cultural responsibilities, and to educate myself about the current condition of the mountain. I have more recently become aware of the significance of the Mauna to the native culture of Hawaii, and seek to keep it available for the maintenance and promotion of the Hawaiian Culture. My father's ashes are scattered on Mauna Kea. My family built an Ahu on Mauna Kea. I seek to keep Mauna Kea in its present state. There are already many telescopes on Mauna Kea. Another is not necessary.