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Subject: 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'ōhe, Hamakua District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 4-4-015:009

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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: cultural practices connected to Mauna Kea; participation in hula, education, ceremony, and civic clubs concerning Mauna Kea; Ku Ki'a'i Mauna, aesthetic, recreational, or environmental interests in protections of Mauna Kea etc. – "As a Native Hawaiian, descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and have lived in Hawai'i for my entire 30 years of life and my family for generations, ranging from Oahu, the Hamakua coast of the Big Island, Waimea and Kalapana. Mana A Wakea has and will always be the Piko of my people and must be preserved and protect. Enough is enough already. As someone who partake in traditional and customary practices consisting of ceremony, worship and honoring of ancestors on our sacred piko Mauna A Wakea, just the thought of this development is detrimental to my spiritual, emotional, psychological healthy of myself, my Ohana, Hui and so many others here in Hawaii Nei and across the world. These aspects effect our overall health and quality of life. How would the people of Jerusalem feel to see parts of their temples or the Great Wastern/Wailing Wall bulldozed and blown up to have structures for scientific research put up. Or doing the same on the Himalayan mountains, Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Fuji? Our mountain is not less sacred or important then these others and countless more. It must be saved, protect and preserved, regardless of what's already been done. The Mauna and her people have spoken, Stop. Myself and others of my standing humbly request to be admitted to speak and bear witness to this process. We come in Kapu Aloha and we come united in process that wishes to divide us. Please move forward in a manner that unites our nations and sets a precedents of Aloha, as the Mauna Movement has. Aloha.

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