

May 11, 2016

TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members

FR: Mehana Kihoi
[address redacted]

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'ohē, 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:

‘O hānau ka Mauna a Wākea,
‘O pu‘u a‘e ka Mauna a Wākea.
‘O Wākea ke kāne, ‘o Papa, ‘o Walinu‘u ka wahine.
Hānau Ho‘ohoku, he wahine,
Hānau Hāloa, he lī‘i,
Hānau ka Mauna, he keiki Mauna na Wākea.

Enough is enough. End the desecration of our sacred lands.

Me ke aloha pau ole,
Mehana Kihoi