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TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members

FR: Joseph Kualii Lindsey Camara
[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:

The summit region or wao lani of Mauna Kea is the most culturally significant area in all of Hawaii. It is a place that I personally go to find answers to problems that I face and to find inspiration for the future. I believe that many of the same factors that make it a good site for astronomy create an area where energy, mana and 'ike flow freely from the lani and can be received by those who are receptive.

Water is the foundation of all life, and is what makes Earth unique in the universe. Even though some don't consider Mauna Kea a "significant" watershed, I consider the water atop and within the mauna to be the most precious, life giving, powerful and sacred waters in existence. These waters hold the kapu a Kane. I have taken on the kuleana of protecting these waters and this sacred place in perpetuity.

I am kanaka maoli and was born and lived my entire life in Hawaii. I have continued the tradition of my Lindsey Ohana by taking my childrens piko stone to Waiau. I perform chants and ceremony in the wao lani that call forth these waters and awaken the the energies that sustain life on these islands.

The mana atop Mauna Kea is potent and palpable, but also fragile. Increased human presence changes the function and spirit of this areas. Noise, lights, structures, and most importantly, human presence disrupts the mana that resides here. Further development will continue to erode the unique spiritual space atop Mauna Kea. Komo na akua, aole komo ke kanaka.

Me ke aloha aina,
Joseph Kualii Lindsey Camara