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I would like to request to be admitted as a party in the contested case hearing for CDUP HA-3568

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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'ōhe, 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: "Mauna kea has been the focal point of numerous traditional and historical Hawaiian practices and narratives recorded by both Hawaiian and foreign visitors; and Mauna Kea is the home of many traditional Hawaiian sites, temporary residences, burials, trails, ko‘i quarry complexes and other cultural and natural resources that are of both traditional and contemporary importance to the Hawaiian people."
TMT will desecrate all what the Hawaiian traditional culture has and all the natural resources that is on Mauna Kea. TMT will have a big impact to my culture personally as well as the abundance of resources.

I am a Native Hawaiian, descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai‘i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai‘i all my life. My family conduct traditional practices in pule, hula, songs,...ect...

Cindy Freitas

Date

June 3, 2016