

**11. Design Professional's Statement:**

The UPS Beacon Lakes Distribution Center is an approximately 110,000 square foot industrial type facility designed to facilitate the movement of many thousands of packages every day. In order to accomplish its purpose, it is critical that the facility be configured for maximum efficiency. As was discussed earlier in this application, UPS has indicated that the reason for not providing vertical accessibility to the Main Mezzanine is that the nature of what takes place on that mezzanine is not conducive to persons with mobility-limiting disabilities, and especially in regard to persons using mobility aids up to and including wheelchairs. The waiver request for Complex 'A' involves an area for which vertical accessibility is already provided, albeit, by an employee having to go outside to use a ramp (the public should never go from the public to the employee-only area).

Providing lifts or LULAs to Complexes 'E' and 'F', respectively, takes up space which encroaches on the limited area outside of the conveyors for staff and vehicles to transport packages that cannot be moved on the conveyor system, which may create hardship on UPS' operations. The facility can operate with one or both lifts in place if the waiver is denied. However, the efficiency of moving irregular packages could be significantly affected.

It is my understanding that UPS understands its obligations under the ADA and is aware of the policy underlying the State of Florida generally requiring all public facilities to provide vertical accessibility when newly constructed or altered (it is generally easier and less expensive to install means of vertical accessibility at the time of construction as opposed to later when it might take significant work and higher cost to provide the infrastructure necessary to facilitate the means of vertical accessibility, whether by lift, LULA or elevator.) This being the case, if the waiver being sought is granted, in constructing its facility, UPS will provide for sufficient electrical capacity and provide empty conduit from the electrical panels to the location where the lifts or LULAs would be if the waiver is not granted, as well as design and implement the appropriate details in the slab in each of these locations so that in the future, the installation of one or more of the lifts that were waived can be easily installed (and at significantly less cost than if this infrastructure had not been provided as part of the original construction). That way, if an employee becomes injured, or a disabled employee is hired where a lift or would be required, it/they can be easily installed. If at some point in the distant future UPS chooses to leave this location, it will be much less expensive for a successor occupant to install lifts/LULAs than if the successor had to do it from scratch in the existing building. UPS is aware that it is requesting significant relief in its new facility but in so doing, it is also planning to provide, during the initial construction, the infrastructure to be able to install vertical accessibility when and as needed without delay, and without the higher costs that would be incurred if the infrastructure was not provided as part of the original construction.

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