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### **13. ADVANCE COMMUNICATION SERVICE OFFERINGS**

#### **13.2 QWEST ATM SERVICE**

##### **A. General Description**

1. Qwest ATM Service is a high-speed, connection oriented multiplexing and switching service that uses fixed-length cells to support transmission of multiple types of traffic (such as data, voice and video) over a Local Area Network (LAN) or Wide Area Network (WAN).
2. Qwest ATM Service allows for a fixed-length 53-byte cell, which consists of 48 byte payload and 5-byte header, to transport user data across the network. Switching is done based on the contents of the cell header.
3. The Qwest ATM Port Connection provides a gateway into the Qwest ATM Network and allocates the network's available capacity to the Virtual Connections it supports. At least one Port must exist for each customer premises directly connected to the Qwest ATM Network.
4. Virtual Circuits (VCs) are two-way, software-defined data paths between two Ports that act as replacements for private or dedicated leased lines in the customer's network. Qwest ATM Service supports cell routing on a preestablished connection or Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC), or connection on demand basis or Switched Virtual Circuit (SVC). The customer at or prior to connection set up must designate a service category.

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