

SECTION 5 - OBSOLETE SERVICE OFFERINGS, (Cont'd.)

5.10 National Frame Relay Service (NFR), (cont'd.)

5.10.1 Description, (cont'd.)

Committed Information Rates (CIRs)

Defines the minimum data transfer rate available between two Ports logically connected by a PVC. Based on the overall NFR network capacity, the Customer may transmit data in excess of the CIR for a limited period of time. The maximum data transfer rate available between two logically connected Ports connected by a PVC is equal to the lower port speed of the two Ports - up to maximum of 22 Mbps.

National Permanent Virtual Circuits (PVC's)

Provide connectivity (logical connections) between National Ports.

Virtual Ports

Provide connectivity for traffic that originates and terminates from or to a local frame relay network. Customers who have existing local Frame Relay can connect to the long distance Frame Relay network using a Virtual Port. Virtual Ports are available within and between the 48 contiguous states of the United States.