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SECTION 10 – DATA SERVICES

10.1 Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)

10.1.2 Explanation of Terms

(A) Customer Connection to Frame Relay Service

The Customer Connection (or Port) provides the Customer with the standard interface to the Frame Relay service network. This interface receives the data frame from the Customer's network or device and verifies that the DLCI is valid before relaying the frame to the destination. Included in the Customer Connection are the Customer's termination on the Frame Relay service switching equipment, the transport from the Serving Area Point to the switching equipment, and the first DLCI. These interfaces connect the Frame Relay service network with the digital facilities operating at transmission speeds of 56 Kbps, 64 Kbps, 1.536 Mbps, or 44.210 Mbps.

(B) Frame Relay Service Network Serving Area

Certain serving wire centers are designated Serving Area Points. A Frame Relay Service Network Serving Area is comprised of all the Serving Area Points in a geographic area.

(C) Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC)

A software defined path transporting data within the Frame Relay service network between two Customer Connections. This data path, once defined in the network software, does not have to be established again. PVCs are end-to-end, bi-directional channels that are established via the service provisioning process.

(D) Data Link Connection Identifier (DLCI)

The Frame Relay standard specifies an address field called the Data Link Connection Identifier. The DLCI specifies a connection. A PVC is created when any two DLCI's are mapped together.

Carol Paulsen, Director Regulatory
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