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October 28, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Exposed Warning Tape and Shallow Cable at Culvert along Neon Road in Fayette
County due to Excessive Erosion on June 26, 2025
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
Claim dated July 23, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4121

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. The amount requested may include costs that will be covered by a monthly maintenance contract for technician services that are not additional expenses to ICN. The actual claim for reimbursement should only be for expenses that exceed the technician hours per the maintenance agreement.

Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation for the requested amount of \$38,591.60, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management



July 23, 2025

Ms. Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council of Iowa
State Capitol

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about June 26, 2025 the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) received physical damage to ICN Communications equipment in Des Moines, Iowa. An email was sent to the Office of the Auditor of State and the Executive Council. This letter represents a claim for \$38,591.60 in accordance with Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa for an emergency allocation of funds to repair damages sustained. Paid invoices will be included upon completion of repairs.

It was determined ICN equipment was damaged due continued and excessive erosion at a culvert crossing along Neon Road in Fayette County, IA. This will require relocation. Enclosed are the damage assessment and cost estimate to restore that damaged equipment to normal operating condition.

If you have any questions regarding this claim, please call my office at 515-725-4666.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mulhall
Executive Director

cc: Office of Auditor of State (Tammy Hollingsworth)
ICN Operations Division (Dave Augspurger)
ICN Finance Division (Kammy McHone)



June 27, 2025

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #33250107

This estimate is for the relocation of an exposed and shallow fiber optic cable at a culvert along Neon Rd approximately 1700-ft north of 50th St in Fayette County. The exposure is the result of excessive erosion at the base of the culvert. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on June 26, 2025.

Restoration will require placement of approximately 2000 feet of new conduit and cable, relocation of an existing splice/handhole, and splicing material and labor to cut over to new cable alignment.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Contracted Labor and Materials

Construction Labor	\$32,240.00
Construction Material	\$1,760.00
Splicing Labor	\$4,250.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$341.60

TOTAL:	\$38,591.60
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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger
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Outside Plant
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ESTIMATE

PROJECT	Fayette Co - Delwein - Washout on Link 110A	COUNTY	Fayette
OSP LOG #	33250107	INC/PRB	N/A (Not billable)
LINK ID(S)	110A	FIBER CT	20

Contracted Labor and Materials		
Construction Labor	\$32,240.00	
Construction Materials	\$1,760.00	
Splicing Labor	\$4,250.00	
ICN Provided Materials	\$341.60	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Engineering Design	\$0.00	
TOTAL:	\$38,591.60	

VENDOR CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Horizontal Boring	Rural 1 ea 1.25" conduit	LF	\$12.00	1,900	\$22,800.00
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$2.00	1,900	\$3,800.00
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$20.00	75	\$1,500.00
Misc	Prep for Locate Ped-Rural	EA	\$50.00	1	\$50.00
Misc	Mobilization	LS	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00
Misc	Mobilization mileage adder	MILES	\$5.00	22	\$110.00
Misc	Line Verification (Locating)	LF	\$0.20	1,900	\$380.00
Misc	Backhoe/Mini Excavator	HR	\$150.00	4	\$600.00
Splicing	Splicing 37-48 fibers	EA	\$0.00	40	\$0.00
VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:					\$32,240.00

SPlicing LABOR

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	UNIT RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Splicing labor	Splicing Mobilization	LS	\$1,250.00	1	\$1,250.00
Splicing labor	Prep Splice Closure	EA	\$350.00	2	\$700.00
Splicing labor	Fusion Splicing	Splicing	\$45.00	40	\$1,800.00
Splicing labor	Off Hours Charge	LS	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
SPlicing LABOR SUBTOTAL:					\$4,250.00

ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
Splice Closure	*450A Splice Closure (w/lugs)	EA	2	\$143.38	\$286.76	FOSC450-A4-4-NT-0-A1V
Splice Tray	*A Tray 12-pos	EA	4	\$12.01	\$48.04	497817-000
Shield Bond Connector	*Shield Bond Connector	EA	4	\$1.29	\$5.16	4460-D
Sealing Kit	*FOSC Closure Sealing Kit	EA	1	\$1.64	\$1.64	1F6818-000
ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$341.60	

VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	1900	\$0.40	\$760.00
Fiber Cable	24F Armored SM Cable	LFT	2000	\$0.50	\$1,000.00
VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$1,760.00

ENGINEERING DESIGN

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
ENGINEERING DESIGN SUBTOTAL:					\$0.00

MISCELLANEOUS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	NOTES
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:					\$0.00	



McHone, Kammy <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>

Washout: Fayette County Neon Rd 1700-ft north of 50th St 33250107

1 message

Augspurger, Dave <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>

Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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Cc: Jacob Jordan <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>

Good afternoon,

An ICN field technician discovered exposed warning tape and shallow cable at a culvert along Neon Road in Fayette County this morning. The damage is the result of continued and excessive erosion at a culvert crossing and will require relocation of the ICN cable. Relocation is anticipated to require placement of approximately 2000-ft of new cable from an existing maintenance splice to a relocated maintenance splice. The ICN would like to submit this as a claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes (erosion). Please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger**Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead**

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