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August 3, 2026

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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved Iowa Communications Network's request for an emergency allocation of \$25,751.07, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included. April 30, 2026, continued excessive erosion resulted in an exposed fiber line in a ditch along US 34 near Highway Station 233, north of Melrose in Monroe County. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Acting Executive Secretary

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management
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AOS Claim # 4360
TOS Job # _____



OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE
STATE OF IOWA

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Rob Sand
Auditor of State

July 16, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council

Subject: Exposed Fiber in Ditch along US 34 near Highway Station 233 North of Melrose in
Monroe County on April 30, 2026
Iowa Communications Network
Claim dated May 28, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4360

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 \$25,751.07, 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



May 28, 2026

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about April 29, 2026 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 \$25,751.07 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 exposed as the result of continued and excessive erosion in a ditch along US Highway 34 near Highway Station 233, north of Melrose in Monroe County. This will require relocation of the fiber. 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



May 19, 2026

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #68260607

This estimate is for the repair of exposed fiber, Link 1518, in a waterway at station marker 233 on the north side of Highway 34 in Monroe county. To alleviate more exposure of the ICN backbone and potential unplanned outages, a new segment of cable will need to be placed at proper depths through the area. To prevent adding two more splice points on this link, we will plan to plow in new cable from an existing splice point (MS1518-Q) on the east side of the exposed area, to existing backbone splice point (B1518-3) on the west side. From MS1518-Q we'll plan to pull new cable through existing duct to MS1518-R, eliminating the splice at MS1518-Q. There will be 400ft of this section that will require boring to get depths required by DOT at the waterway. This plan will prevent adding two new splice points along this link, while removing an existing splice point, which limits fail points on the network. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on April 30, 2026.

ESTIMATED COSTS

Contracted Labor and Materials

Construction Labor	\$19,007.50
Construction Materials	\$3,252.67
Splicing Labor	\$3,330.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$160.90
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total	\$25,751.07

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Dave Augspurger
Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead
Outside Plant
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Iowa Communications Network Estimate	
Project:	Monroe - Melrose - Exposed fiber - Link 1518 - STA. 233
Outside Plant Log Number	68260607
County	Monroe
Link ID	1518
INC-PRB	Not applicable
Fiber Count	8
Contracted Labor and Materials	Costs
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Engineering Design	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$25,751.07



Washout: LOG 68260607 - Monroe Co- Melrose - Exposed fiber - Link 1518 - STA. 233

2 messages

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

Thu, Apr 30, 2026 at 8:15 AM

To: ICN Executive Council Notice <ICNExecutiveCouncilNotice@iowa.gov>

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

Good morning,

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'Tammy Hollingsworth' via ICN Executive Council Notice

<ICNExecutiveCouncilNotice@iowa.gov>

Reply-To: Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>

To: "Augspurger, Dave" <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>, ICN Executive Council Notice

<ICNExecutiveCouncilNotice@iowa.gov>

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

Tue, May 5, 2026 at 2:51 PM

Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #4360

From: icnexecutivecouncilnotice@iowa.gov <icnexecutivecouncilnotice@iowa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Augspurger, Dave

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2026 8:15 AM

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Subject: Washout: LOG 68260607 - Monroe Co- Melrose - Exposed fiber - Link 1518 - STA. 233

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