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## Executive Council of Iowa

CAPITOL BUILDING DES MOINES, IOWA 50319 PHONE: 515 281-5368

November 3, 2023

Accounting Department Office of the Treasurer Lucas Building 321 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street Des Moines, IA, 50319

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved Iowa Communications Network's request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$16,063.61, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included. On July 28, 2023, a cable was damaged by a rodent at Highway 59 between E Avenue and F Avenue in Crawford County. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Victoria Newton

Victoria Newton Executive Secretary

cc: Randy Goddard, Executive Director, ICN Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN Joel Lunde, Department of Management

> AOS Claim # 3571 TOS Job # \_\_\_\_



#### OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE STATE OF IOWA

State Capitol Building Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0004 Telephone (515) 281-5834 Facsimile (515) 281-6518 Rob Sand Auditor of State

October 17, 2023

Victoria Newton Executive Council L O C A L

# Subject: Damaged Cable due to Rodent Chewing at Highway 59 between E Avenue and F Avenue in Crawford County on July 28, 2023 Iowa Communications Network (ICN) Claim Dated August 23, 2023 AOS Claim ID: 3571

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 abovementioned 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 in the amount of \$16,063.61, subject to an audit of <u>actual</u> invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

Sincerely,

Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Randy Goddard, Executive Director, ICN Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN Joel Lunde, Department of Management



Governor Kim Reynolds Lt. Governor Adam Gregg

August 23, 2023

Ms. Victoria Newton Executive Secretary Executive Council of Iowa State Capitol LOCAL

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Newton,

On or about July 28, 2023 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 \$16,063.61 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 to rodent chew along Highway 59 between E Avenue and F Avenue in Crawford County, just south of Schleswig, IA. This will require repair and 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 located in the Grimes State Office Building.

Sincerely,

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Randy Goddard Executive Director

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

 Randy Goddard, Executive Director

 Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319
 Phone: 515-725-4692
 icn.iowa.gov

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION



#### August 14, 2023

#### Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage: Outside Plant Log #24240107

This estimate is for the relocation of a damaged ICN cable along Highway 59 between E and F Avenues in Crawford County. The damaged cable is the result of rodent chewing through the cable and the Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on July 28th, 2023. Repair will require approximately 475-ft of new cable be placed via directional bore and introduction of two new maintenance splices.

Estimated costs for this project are listed below:

Contracted Labor and Materials		
Construction Labor		\$8,475.00
<b>Construction Materials</b>		\$3,349.25
Splicing Labor		\$3,890.00
ICN Provided Materials		\$349.36
Miscellaneous		\$0.00
Engineering Design		\$0.00
	TOTAL:	\$16,063.61

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

David Augspurger ICN Outside Plant Lead 515-725-4604 david.augspurger@iowa.gov

Randy Goddard, Executive Director

Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 Phone: 515-725-4692 icn.iowa.gov

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### Fwd: Crawford Co - Rodent damage along HWY 59 between E Ave & F Ave (24240107)

1 message

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

Fri, Jul 28, 2023 at 2:34 PM To: Victoria Harris <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>, Kammy McHone <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>, Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>, "Dana [AOS] Davis" <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, Scott Pappan <scott.pappan@iowa.gov>, "Hollingsworth, Tammy [AOS]" <tammy.hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>, Ryan Mulhall

Good afternoon,

<ryan.mulhall@iowa.gov>

An ICN field technician was dispatched to investigate an ICN cable unlocatable and discovered rodent mounds all around the cable alignment which is suspected to be the cause of the issue. This is along Highway 59 between E Ave and F Ave in Crawford County just south of Schleswig, IA. Relocation will require placing new ICN cable in HDPE along this section. The ICN would like to submit this as a claim for damages due to natural causes (rodent chews). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger Iowa Communications Network Sr. Telecommunications Engineer | Outside Plant Lead 515-725-4604 (office) | 515-229-2013 (cell)

#### 3 attachments



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