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May 7, 2026

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council

Subject: Exposed Cable Due to Excessive Erosion along Highway 2, West of Clarinda in Page  
County on February 26, 2026  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim dated April 21, 2026  
AOS Claim ID: 4257

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 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 \$34,903.06, subject to an audit of actual invoices and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

Sincerely,

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

April 21, 2026

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about February 26, 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 \$34,903.06 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 due to continued and excessive erosion at the base of the culvert along Iowa Highway 2 between N and O Avenue, west of Clarinda, IA in Page County. 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,



Scott Pappan  
Deputy Director

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



April 9, 2026

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #73260207

This estimate is for the relocation of approximately 1800 feet of new conduit and cable to restore exposed cable at a culvert along Iowa Highway 2, west of O Ave in Page County. The exposed cable is the result of continued and excessive erosion. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on February 27, 2026.

Permanent restoration will require placement of approximately 1800 feet of new conduit and cable, addition of two new splices/handholes, and material and labor to cut over to new cable.

<b>Contracted Labor and Materials</b>	<b>Estimated Costs</b>
Construction Labor	\$27,571.00
Construction Material	\$4,084.48
Splicing Labor	\$2,930.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$317.58
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$34,903.06</b>

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

Respectfully,

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

**PROJECT:** Exposed ICN cable along HWY 2 west of O Ave - Clarind  
**OSP LOG Number:** 73260207  
**LINK ID(S):** 1313  
**COUNTY:** Page  
**INC/PRB:** 0  
**FIBER CT:** 4F

Contracted Labor and Materials	
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ICN Provided Materials	\$317.58
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$34,903.06</b>

### VENDOR CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Horizontal Boring	Rural 1 ea 1.25" conduit	LF	\$10.00	1,800	\$18,000.00
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$600.00	2	\$1,200.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$1.25	2,000	\$2,500.00
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$25.00	150	\$3,750.00
Misc	Place Warning Marker-Rural	EA	\$35.00	1	\$35.00
Misc	Mobilization	LS	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Misc	Mobilization mileage adder	MILES	\$3.00	112	\$336.00
Misc	Backhoe/Mini Excavator	HR	\$250.00	4	\$1,000.00
<b>VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>.\$27,571.00</b>

### 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	\$60.00	8	\$480.00
Splicing labor	Off Hours Charge	LS	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
<b>SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>.\$2,930.00</b>

### 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	2	\$12.01	\$24.02	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
<b>ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>.\$317.58</b>	

### VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	Notes
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	1800	\$0.68	\$1,224.00	13.5
Fiber Cable	48F Armored SM Cable	LFT	2000	\$0.52	\$1,040.00	0
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$910.24	\$1,820.48	0
<b>VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>.\$4084.48</b>	

### ENGINEERING DESIGN

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	Notes
<b>ENGINEERING DESIGN SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>.\$0.00</b>	

### MISCELLANEOUS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	Notes
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>.\$0.00</b>	



McHone, Kammy &lt;kammy.mchone@iowa.gov&gt;

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**Exposed ICN Cable - Page Co - 73260207 - IA 2 between N & O Aves**

2 messages

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

Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 7:55 AM

To: "Harris, Victoria [ICN]" <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>, Kammy Mchone <kammy.mchone@icn.state.ia.us>, Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>, "Dana [AOS] Davis" <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, Scott Pappan <scott.pappan@icn.state.ia.us>, "Hollingsworth, Tammy [AOS]" <tammy.hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>, Ryan Mulhall <ryan.mulhall@icn.state.ia.us>, "Harris, Chris [ICN]" <chris.harris@iowa.gov>, Connor Kuehl <connor.kuehl@icn.state.ia.us>

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Respectfully,

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

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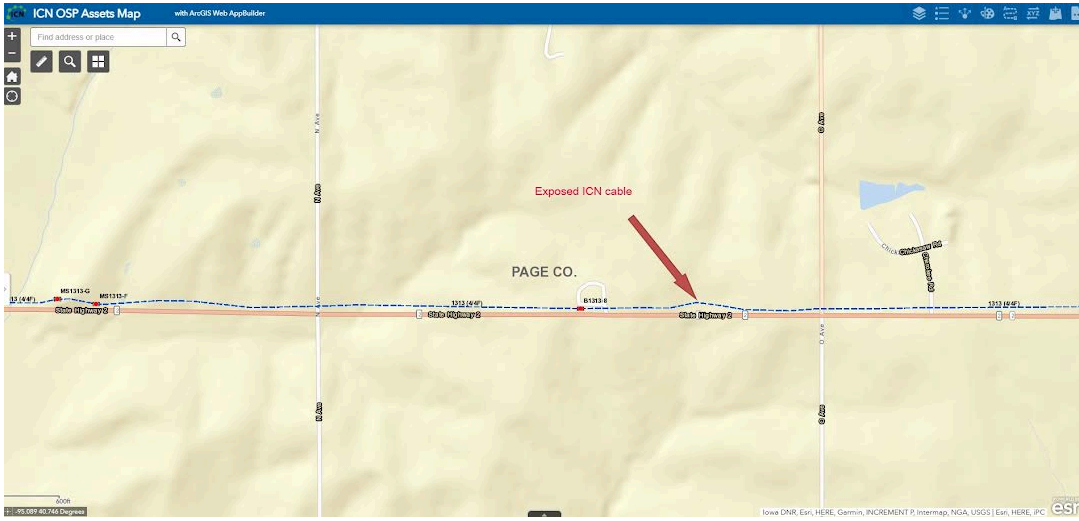
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**Tammy Hollingsworth** <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>

Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 1:04 PM

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Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #4257

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