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## Executive Council of Iowa

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May 4, 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 \$33,097.58, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included. On February 16, 2026, cable along Highway 20 West of Peosta in Dubuque County was damaged by rodent chewing. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Kristi Onstot*

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Executive Secretary

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN  
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN  
Dave Augspurgen, Operations Division, ICN  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management  
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AOS Claim # 4249  
TOS Job # \_\_\_\_\_



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April 8, 2026

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Exposed Cable Due to Rodent Chewing along Highway 20 West of Peosta in  
Dubuque County on February 16, 2026  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim dated March 20, 2026  
AOS Claim ID: 4249

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 \$33,097.58, 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



March 20, 2026

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about February 16, 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 \$33,097.58 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 rodent chew along Highway 20 west of Peosta, IA in Dubuque 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,

Ryan Mulhall  
Executive Director

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



March 6, 2026

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #31260207

This estimate is for the permanent repair of a rodent damaged section of cable west of Peosta along Hwy 20. Cable was temp repaired due to ground frost conditions, but a permanent repair will be required to prevent further outages. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on February 17, 2026.

Permanent repair will require placement of approximately 1200 feet of new conduit and cable, placement of two new handholes/splice points, and splicing material and labor to cut over to new cable.

*ESTIMATED COSTS:*

**Contracted Labor and Materials**

Construction Labor	\$22,990.00
Construction Materials	\$1,900.00
Splicing Labor	\$2,890.00
<b>ICN Provided Materials</b>	\$317.58
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$5,000.00

**TOTAL: \$33,097.58**

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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**ESTIMATE**

<b>PROJECT</b>	Peosta - Perm Repair - Fiber Cut Link 108A (4F) - (I	<b>COUNTY</b>	Dubuque
<b>OSP LOG #</b>	31260207	<b>INC/PRB</b>	INC0069781
<b>LINK ID(S)</b>	108A	<b>FIBER CT</b>	4F

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Engineering Design	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$33,097.58</b>	

**VENDOR CONSTRUCTION**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Horizontal Boring	Rural 1 ea 1.25" conduit	LF	\$12.00	1,200	\$14,400.00
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$1,000.00	2	\$2,000.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$2.00	1,350	\$2,700.00
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$20.00	150	\$3,000.00
Misc	Prep for Locate Ped-Rural	EA	\$50.00	1	\$50.00
Misc	Line Verification (Locating)	LF	\$0.20	1,200	\$240.00
Misc	Backhoe/Mini Excavator	HR	\$150.00	4	\$600.00
<b>VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$22,990.00</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	\$55.00	8	\$440.00
Splicing labor	Off Hours Charge	LS	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
<b>SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$2,890.00</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
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	1200	\$0.30	\$360.00
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	1350	\$0.40	\$540.00
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
<b>VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$1,900.00</b>

**ENGINEERING DESIGN**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	NOTES
Miscellaneous	Emergency Repair	LS Estimate	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Labor/Material
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$5,000.00</b>	



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

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**Fiber loss event - Dubuque Co - Damaged cable in vicinity of US 20 & Dutch Lane Rd - 31260207**

2 messages

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

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 7:08 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>, ICN Outside Plant Staff <icn-outsideplantstaff-dg@iowa.gov>

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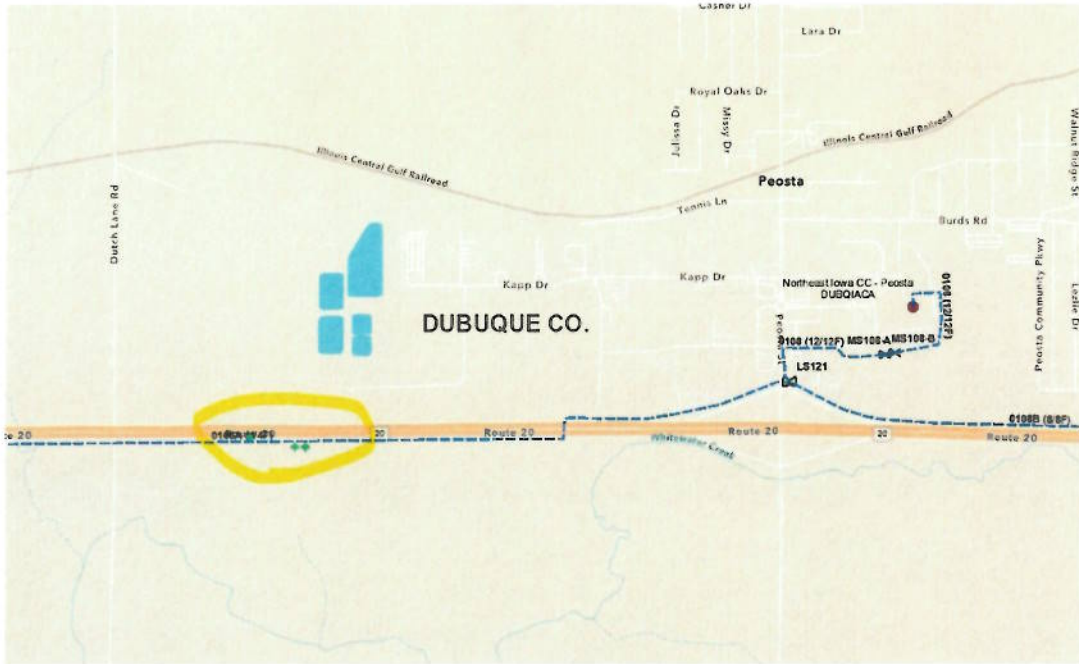
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**Tammy Hollingsworth** <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 5:28 PM

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Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #4249

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 7:08 AM

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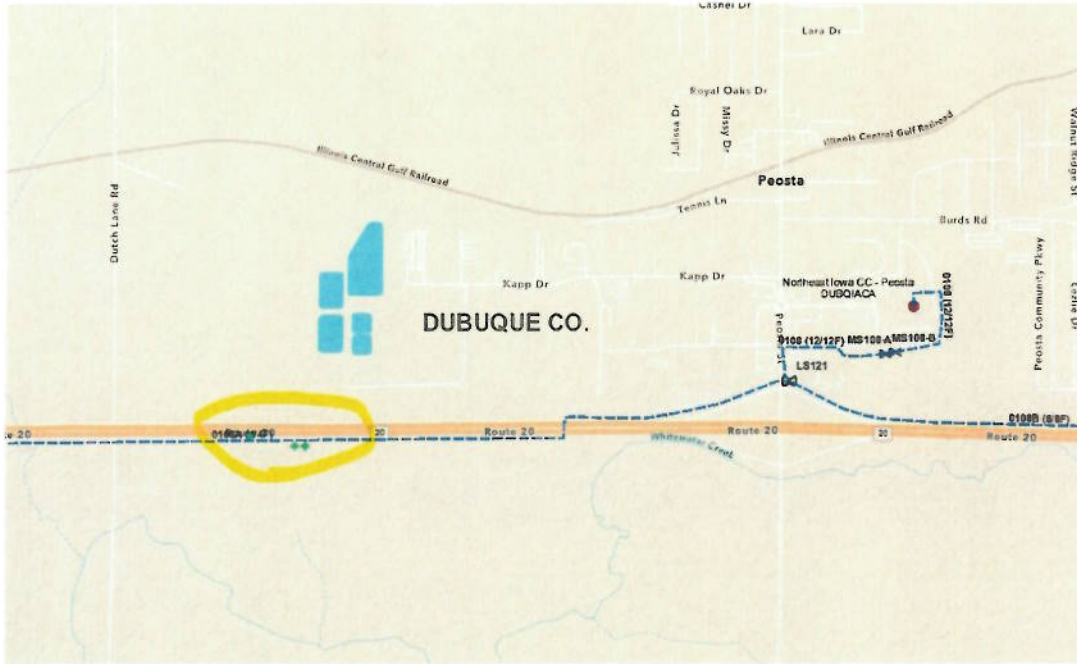
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