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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 \$17,910.00, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included. On February 5, 2026, cable along Domino Road SW of Elkader in Clayton 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 Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management
Matt Bender, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 4233
TOS Job # _____



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Rob Sand
Auditor of State

April 8, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Cable Damaged due to Rodent Chew along Domino Road SW of Elkader in
Clayton County on February 5, 2026
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
Claim dated March 20, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4233

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 \$17,910.00, 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 4, 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 \$17,910.00 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 Domino Road approximately 3 miles southwest of Elkader, IA in Clayton 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)



February 25, 2025

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #22260107

This estimate is for the installation of approximately 1300 feet of new conduit and cable to bypass existing fiber damaged by rodent chews along Domino Road in Clayton county. The current damage caused a network outage on February 4, 2026 and a temporary cable was installed for restoration. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on February 5, 2026.

Permanent restoration will require placement of approximately 1300 feet of new conduit and cable, addition of one new splice/handhole, and material and labor to cut over to new cable.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Contracted Labor and Materials	
Construction Labor	\$8,650.00
Construction Material	\$1,370.00
Splicing Labor	\$2,890.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00
 TOTAL:	 \$17,910.00

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	Ion Co. - Elkader - Damaged Fiber Near MS105-B - Lin	COUNTY	Clayton
OSP LOG #	22260107	INC/PRB	PRB0041250
LINK ID(S)	105	FIBER CT	4

Contracted Labor and Materials	
Construction Labor	\$8,650.00
Construction Materials	\$1,370.00
Splicing Labor	\$2,890.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$17,910.00

VENDOR CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Fiber Installation	Existing Duct Rural	LF	\$2.00	400	\$800.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$2.00	1,100	\$2,200.00
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$20.00	75	\$1,500.00
Plowing	Rural Plow 1 ea 1.25" Duct	LF	\$2.50	900	\$2,250.00
Misc	Backhoe/Mini Excavator	HR	\$150.00	6	\$900.00
VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:					\$8,650.00

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	\$55.00	8	\$440.00
Splicing labor	Off Hours Charge	LS	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:					\$2,890.00

ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$0.00	

VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	900	\$0.30	\$270.00	13.5
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	1500	\$0.40	\$600.00	0
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	0
VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$1,370.00	

ENGINEERING DESIGN

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

MISCELLANEOUS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	NOTES
Miscellaneous	Emergency Repair	LS Estimate	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Temp cable work/material
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:					\$5,000.00	



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

Outage: Clayton County - Link 105 along Domino Rd southwest of Elkader 22260107

3 messages

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

Thu, Feb 5, 2026 at 7:24 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>, Jacob Jordan <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>, Connor Kuehl <connor.kuehl@icn.state.ia.us>

Good morning,

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Respectfully,

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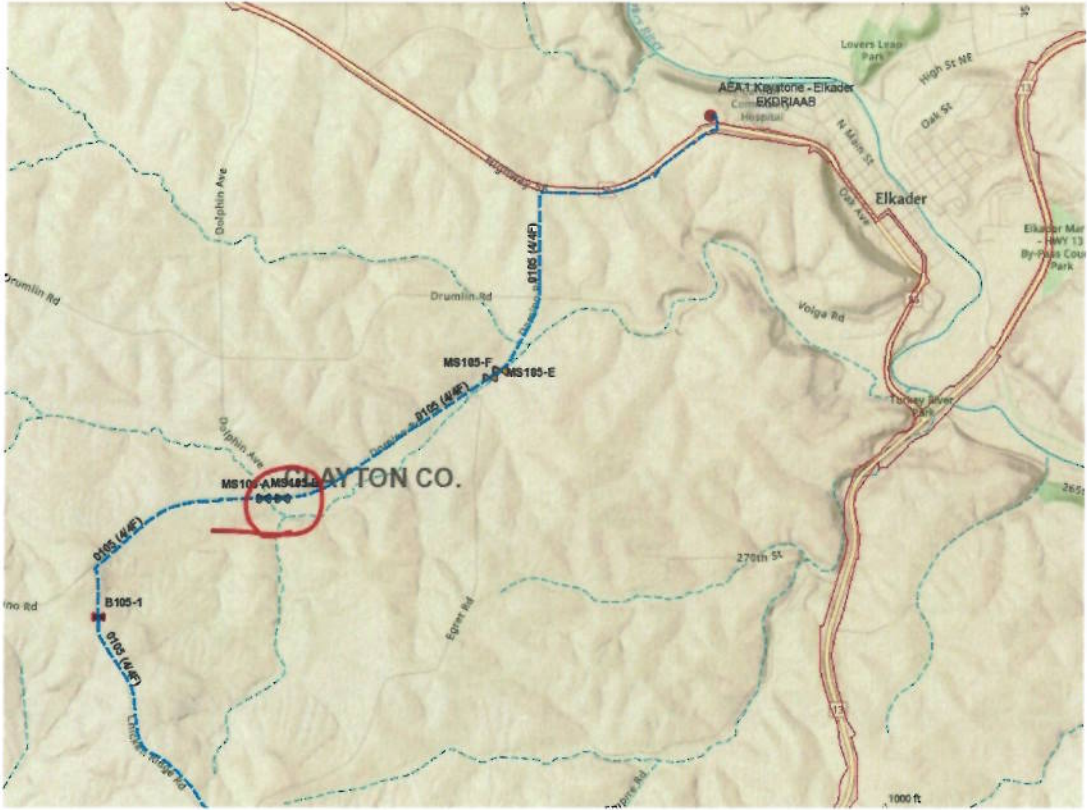
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Augsburger, Dave <daugsburger@icn.state.ia.us>

Thu, Feb 5, 2026 at 12:06 PM

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Field technicians have found substantial evidence of gopher activity in the area. This confirms our initial suspicion the cable was damaged by rodent chewing.

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Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov> Thu, Feb 5, 2026 at 1:36 PM
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Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #4233

From: Augspurger, Dave <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 7:25 AM
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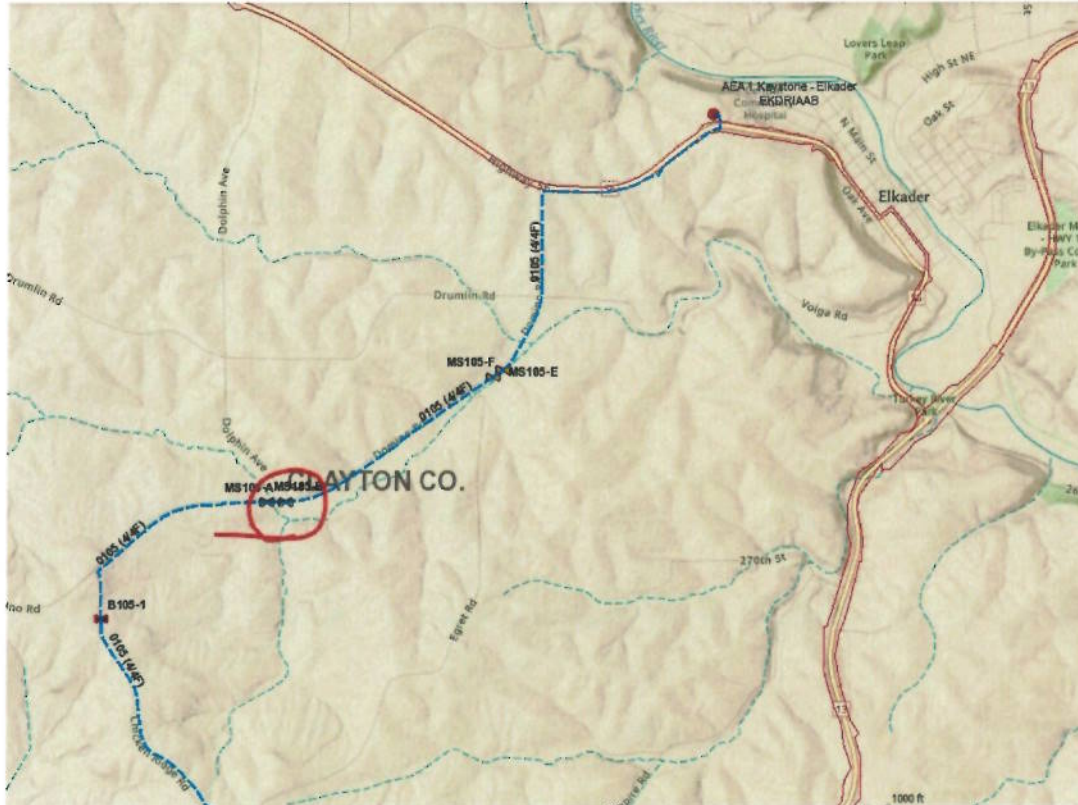
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