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## Executive Council of Iowa

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December 2, 2024

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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved Iowa Communications Network's request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$18,382.92, subject to the audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

On September 18, 2024, equipment was exposed along Highway 34 in Adams County due to excessive erosion. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN  
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN  
Dave Augspurgen, Operations Division, ICN  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management  
Matt Bender, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 3912  
TOS Job # \_\_\_\_\_



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STATE OF IOWA

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November 4, 2024

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Exposed Equipment Due to Excessive Erosion along Highway 34 in  
Adams County on September 18, 2024  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim Dated September 24, 2024  
AOS Claim ID: 3912

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 \$18,382.92, 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

September 24, 2024

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

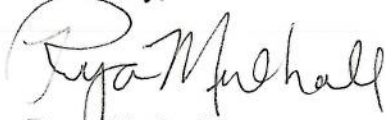
Dear Ms. Newton,

On or about September 18, 2024 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 \$18,382.92 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 excess erosion along US Highway 34 west of Vanilla Avenue in Adams County, IA. 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,



Ryan Mulhall  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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

**September 18, 2024**

**ESTIMATE for shallow ICN cables: Outside Plant Log #0225047**

This estimate is for the relocation of an exposed and shallow fiber cable along US 34 at Metz Creek in Adams County. The shallow cable was the result of continued and excessive erosion of the creek bed and banks. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on September 18, 2024. Repair will require placement of approximately 600 feet of new conduit & cable and introduction of two new maintenance splices and handholes.

*ESTIMATED costs for this project are listed below:*

<b>Contracted Labor and Materials</b>	
<b>Construction Labor</b>	\$11,678.50
<b>Construction Materials</b>	\$2,618.48
<b>Splicing Labor</b>	\$3,770.00
<b>ICN Provided Materials</b>	\$315.94
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$0.00
<b>Engineering Design</b>	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$18,382.92</b>

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

Dave Augspurger  
ICN Outside Plant Engineer Senior  
515-725-4604  
[Dave.Augspurger@iowa.gov](mailto:Dave.Augspurger@iowa.gov)

**ESTIMATE**

<b>PROJECT</b>	Cable Relo - Metz Creek US 34 West of Vanilla Ave	<b>COUNTY</b>	Adams
<b>OSP LOG #</b>	02250407	<b>INC/PRB</b>	0
<b>LINK ID(S)</b>	1408	<b>FIBER CT</b>	12

<b>Contracted Labor and Materials</b>	
Construction Labor	\$11,678.50
Construction Materials	\$2,618.48
Splicing Labor	\$3,770.00
<b>ICN Provided Materials</b>	\$315.94
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$18,382.92</b>

**VENDOR CONSTRUCTION**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Horizontal Boring	Rural 1 ea 1.25" conduit	LF	\$10.00	600	\$6,000.00
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$600.00	2	\$1,200.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$1.25	750	\$937.50
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$25.00	100	\$2,500.00
Misc	Mobilization	LS	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Misc	Mobilization mileage adder	MILES	\$3.00	97	\$291.00
<b>VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$11,678.50</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	\$65.00	24	\$1,320.00
Splicing labor	Off Hours Charge	LS	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
<b>SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$3,770.00</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	\$5.16	\$5.16	4460-D
<b>ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$315.94</b>	

**VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	600	\$0.68	\$408.00
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	750	\$0.52	\$390.00
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$910.24	\$1,820.48
<b>VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$2,618.48</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
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	





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

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**LOG 02250407 - Adams Co - Exposed Warning Tape and Shallow Cable at Metz Creek - US HWY 34 West of Vanilla Ave**

1 message

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

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 9:15 AM

To: "Harris, Victoria [ICN]" <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 <ryan.mulhall@iowa.gov>, Michael Dalen <mike.dalen@iowa.gov>

Good morning,

An ICN field technician discovered exposed warning tape and shallow fiber in Metz Creek along US Highway 34 in Adams County (southwest of Creston, approximately 1,350 feet west of Vanilla Avenue.) The exposure is the result of continued and excessive erosion at the banks and flowline of the creek. Further evaluation will be required to determine the best course of action, likely placing a new cable and maintenance splices. The ICN would like to submit this as a potential claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes (erosion). Please let me know of any questions.

Respectfully,

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

Outside Plant

Iowa Communications Network

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**Exposed Warning Tape.jpg**  
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