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Victoria Newton Executive Council L O C A L

Subject: Cable Damage Due to Excessive Erosion along Highway 1 in Van Buren County

on September 21, 2021

Iowa Communications Network (ICN) Claim Dated November 9, 2021

AOS Claim ID: 2197

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 in the amount of \$17,371.40, 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 Linda Leto, Department of Management