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Executive Council  
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Subject: Damaged Cable due to Rodent Chew along Highway 59 in Shelby County  
on February 28, 2022  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim dated April 13, 2022  
AOS Claim ID: 2278

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 only includes expenses that exceed the technician hours per the maintenance agreement.

Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$31,429.86. This represents full and final payment of the loss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest H. Ruben, Jr.", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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  
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