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July 1, 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 \$35,105.42. On March 14, 2024, a cable along 170th Street in Osceola County was damaged due to gopher chewing. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

cc: Mark Johnson, Interim 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 # 3717
TOS Job # _____



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STATE OF IOWA

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Auditor of State

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May 21, 2024

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Cable Damages Due to Gopher Chewing along 170th Street in Osceola
County on March 14, 2024
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
Claim Dated April 22, 2024
AOS Claim ID: 3717

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 \$35,105.42, 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: Mark Johnson, Interim Executive Director, ICN
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management



April 22, 2024

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Newton,

On or about March 14, 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 \$35,105.42 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 170th Street between Silver Avenue and Sorrel Avenue in Osceola County. This will require relocation and replacement with new fiber and conduit. 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,

Mark Johnson
Interim Executive Director

Enclosures

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

April 4, 2024

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage: Outside Plant Log #72240207

This estimate is for the relocation of a damaged ICN cable along 170th St between Silver and Sorrel in Osceola County. The area of signal loss was inspected and extensive gopher activity suggests it has been damaged by rodent chewing. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on March 14, 2024. Repair will require approximately one mile of new cable be placed via plow and directional bore and installation of two new maintenance splices.

Estimated costs for this project are listed below:

Contracted Labor and Materials	
Construction Labor	\$23,603.00
Construction Materials	\$8,256.48
Splicing Labor	\$2,930.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$315.94
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$35,105.42

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

David Augspurger
ICN Outside Plant Lead
515-725-4604
david.augspurger@iowa.gov

Randy Goddard, Executive Director

Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 Phone: 515-725-4692 icn.iowa.gov

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

ESTIMATE

PROJECT	Osceola Co - Cable Replacement Along 170th St	COUNTY	Osceola
OSP LOG #	72240207	INC/PRB	INC0060014
LINK ID(S)	450	FIBER CT	4

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VENDOR CONSTRUCTION						
CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL	
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$600.00	2	\$1,200.00	
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$1.25	5,420	\$6,775.00	
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$25.00	100	\$2,500.00	
Plowing	Rural Plow 1 ea 1.25" Duct	LF	\$2.25	5,320	\$11,970.00	
Misc	Mobilization	LS	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	
Misc	Mobilization mileage adder	MILES	\$3.00	136	\$408.00	
VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:					\$23,603.00	

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	\$60.00	8	\$480.00	
Splicing labor	Off Hours Charge	LS	\$500.00	1	\$500.00	
SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:					\$2,930.00	

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
ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$315.94	

VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS						
CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	5320	\$0.68	\$3,617.60	0
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	5420	\$0.52	\$2,818.40	0
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$910.24	\$1,820.48	0
VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$8,256.48	

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

MISCELLANEOUS						
CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	NOTES
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:					\$0.00	



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

Gopher chew Osceola Co 170th St between Silver & Sorrel 72240207

2 messages

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

Thu, Mar 14, 2024 at 8:54 AM

To: Victoria Harris <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>, Scott Pappan <scott.pappan@iowa.gov>, Kammy McHone <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>, Ryan Mulhall <ryan.mulhall@iowa.gov>, Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>, "Dana [AOS] Davis" <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, "Hollingsworth, Tammy [AOS]" <tammy.hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>, Michael Dalen <mike.dalen@iowa.gov>

Good morning,

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Respectfully,

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

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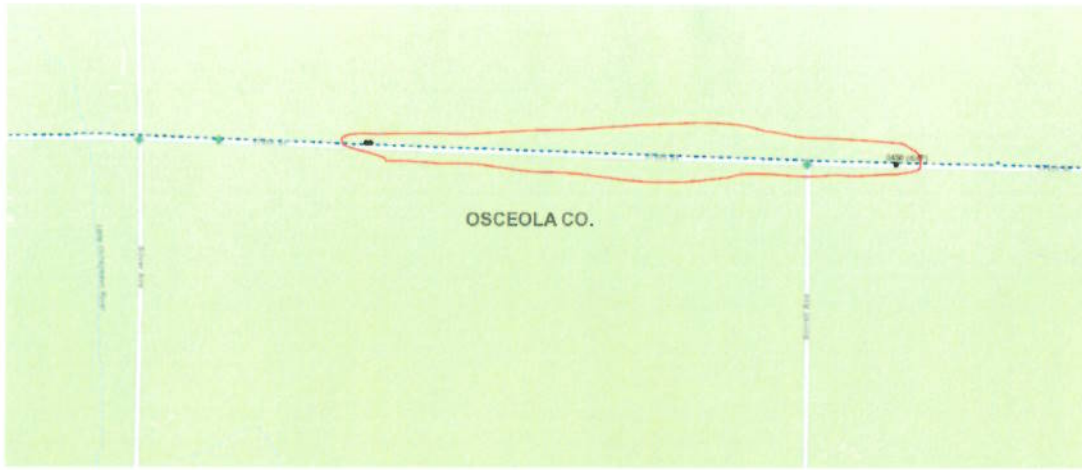
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Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov> Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 2:48 PM
To: "Augspurger, Dave" <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>, "Harris, Victoria [ICN]" <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>, "Pappan, Scott [ICN]" <scott.pappan@iowa.gov>, "McHone, Kammy [ICN]" <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>, "Mulhall, Ryan [ICN]" <ryan.mulhall@iowa.gov>, Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>, Dana Davis <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, "Dalen, Mike [ICN]" <mike.dalen@iowa.gov>

Cc: Zemira Rahmanovic <Zemira.Rahmanovic@aos.iowa.gov>

Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim # 3717

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

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:55 AM

To: Harris, Victoria [ICN] <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>; Pappan, Scott [ICN] <scott.pappan@iowa.gov>; McHone, Kammy [ICN] <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>; Mulhall, Ryan [ICN] <ryan.mulhall@iowa.gov>; Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>; Dana Davis <Dana.Davis@AOS.IOWA.GOV>; Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@AOS.IOWA.GOV>; Dalen, Mike [ICN] <mike.dalen@iowa.gov>

Subject: Gopher chew Osceola Co 170th St between Silver & Sorrel 72240207

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