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## Executive Council of Iowa

CAPITOL BUILDING  
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319  
PHONE: 515 281-5368

March 4, 2024

Accounting Department  
Office of the Treasurer  
Lucas Building  
321 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA, 50319

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved Iowa Communications Network's request for an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$14,332.50. On October 31, 2023, a cable was damaged by a rodent chew along 230th Street, East of Highway 27 in Bremer County. Request was to cover repair costs.

This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Victoria Newton*

Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary

cc: Randy Goddard, 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 # 3627  
TOS Job # \_\_\_\_\_



**OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE**  
STATE OF IOWA

Rob Sand  
Auditor of State

State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0004

Telephone (515) 281-5834 Facsimile (515) 281-6518

February 9, 2024

Victoria Newton  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Damaged Cable due to Rodent Chewing along 230<sup>th</sup> Street, East of Highway 27  
in Bremer County on October 31, 2023  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim Dated December 21, 2023  
AOS Claim ID: 3627

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. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$14,332.50. This represents full and final payment of the loss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Randy Goddard, Executive Director, ICN  
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN  
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

December 21, 2023

**Executive Council  
State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, IA  
LOCAL**

*Attn: Victoria Newton*

**Reimbursement Request – 29C.20**

**Invoice Number: 64524030**

**Tenant #: EXEC00000001**

**OSP Log #: 09240107**

**Cost to repair ICN fiber in Bremer County \$ 14,332.50**

**Along 230<sup>th</sup> Street just east of Highway 27,  
near Waverly, IA**

**October 31, 2023**

*See attached detail*

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**Net Amount Due: \$ 14,332.50**

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**~Payment Due Upon Receipt~  
Please send a copy of this invoice with remittance.  
Please remit payment within 30 days to:  
Iowa Communications Network**

**ICN Accounting String:**

**Fund: 0645 DEPT: 336 ORG: 2700 REV: 0709 APPR: 0000**

December 20, 2023

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Newton,

On or about October 31, 2023 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 \$14,332.50 in accordance with Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa for an emergency allocation of funds to repair damages sustained. The repairs for this project have been completed and we have included copies of the paid invoices.

It was determined ICN equipment was damaged due to shifting/compressing of the subsoil rock along 230<sup>th</sup> Street just East of Highway 27 near Waverly, IA in Bremer County. Enclosed are the damage assessment and cost estimate/actuals 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,



Randy Goddard  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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

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Randy Goddard, Executive Director

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

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

October 31, 2023

*Estimate/* **ACTUALS for ICN Fiber Cable Damage: Outside Plant Log #09240107**

This is the actual cost for the relocation of a damaged ICN cable along Highway 3 / 230<sup>th</sup> St west of Waverly, Iowa. The area of signal loss was excavated and was damaged by rodent activity. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on October 31, 2023. The repair involved utilizing existing HDPE & handholes to save on cost and required plowing additional 1.25-in HDPE for 872-ft to protect the cable within rodent area. We then placed 1,617-ft of new cable within HDPE from a maintenance splice and moved a maintenance splice further to the East outside of rodent area.

*ACTUAL costs for this project are listed below:*

<b>Contracted Labor and Materials</b>	<b>\$14,332.50</b>
<b>Splicing</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ICN Provided Materials</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Engineering Design</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$14,332.50</b>

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

David Augspurger  
ICN Outside Plant Lead  
515-725-4604  
[david.augspurger@iowa.gov](mailto:david.augspurger@iowa.gov)

Randy Goddard, Executive Director

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IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Budget FY	Ref Doc Code	Ref Doc ID	Fund	Unit	Object	Object Class	Appropriation	Vendor Customer	Vendor Customer Name	Doc Record Date	Posting Am	Line Description	Check Number	Doc Accounting Line
2024	GAX	241E021365	645	2700	2516	409	0	2112014	HOFFMAN&HOFFMAN TRUCKING	12/8/2023 0:00	1205.25	LOG#09240107; REF#187619 INVOICE: 13228; DATE: 12/5/2023; OSP	72814234	2
2024	GAX	241E021365	645	2700	2519	409	0	2112014	HOFFMAN&HOFFMAN TRUCKING	12/8/2023 0:00	13127.25	LOG#09240107; REF#187619 INVOICE: 13228; DATE: 12/5/2023; OSP	72814234	1

Received by AP at ICN Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 at 2:03pm

Hoffman & Hoffman Trenching Inc.

PO Box 866  
Cedar Falls, IA  
IA 50613-0040



# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
12/5/2023	13228

Bill To	Phone #	E-Mail
ICN 400 East 14th St Des Moines, IA 50319	(319) 232-4807 (319) 232-1602 Fax	hoffmantrenching@gmail.com

Project	Customer PO	Terms
Hwy 3 Fiber		Net 30

Item	Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
T&E 3 Man Crew	T&E 3 Man Crew-Backhoe pothole crew. Look for buried vaults 10/24/23	6	385.00	2,310.00
Mini Excavator	Mini Excavator to dig up vaults	5	125.00	625.00
T&E 3 Man Crew	T&E 3 Man Crew-Backhoe Looking for pipe ends 10/30/23	7	385.00	2,695.00
Vibro Plow	Vibro Plow 1.25" duct ( Through sections of limestone) 10/31/23	872	5.00	4,360.00
Pull Fiber	Pull Fiber 96ct 13453-11936	1,617	1.25	2,021.25
Fiber Optic Cable	Fiber Optic Cable	1,617	0.25	404.25
HDPE	Hdpe	890	0.90	801.00
Splice	Splice 1.25" Com fit splices	2	8.00	16.00
Place Vaults	Place Vaults (includes Clean up, Rock and Hauling of excess material) Dig out existing and move to east end	1	750.00	750.00
Concrete haul-dis...	Concrete haul-disposal ( Haul out excell limestone that was dug up)	1	350.00	350.00

**APPROVED**  
By mdalen at 7:25 am, Dec 06, 2023

Company name - Hoffman & Hoffman Trenching  
Invoice number - 13228  
Invoice total - \$14,332.50  
Log # 09240107  
AFE # N/A  
Billable - Yes, Executive Council  
FY24

Thank you.	<b>Total</b>	\$14,332.50
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**Bremer Co - Signal loss along 230th St. East of HWY 27 near Waverly (09240107)**

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

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 1:47 PM

To: Victoria Harris <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>

Cc: Michael Dalen <mike.dalen@iowa.gov>

Good afternoon,

ICN field technician's were dispatched to investigate HIGH losses on an ICN cable along 230th Street just East of HWY 27 near Waverly, IA. After exposing the loss area, cut marks and compression on the cable indicate subsoil rock shifting/compressing and damaging the sheathing of the fiber cable. This eventually led to substantial damage including broken fibers and loss of signal. Repair will require placement of two new maintenance splices and approximately 1,600 feet of new cable utilizing both existing and new conduit. The ICN would like to submit this as a claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger  
Iowa Communications Network  
Sr. Telecommunications Engineer | Outside Plant Lead  
515-725-4604 (office) | 515-229-2013 (cell)





10/31/23

