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December 4, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Exposed Equipment due to Excessive Erosion along Highway 4 at Beaver Creek
in Palo Alto County on October 14, 2025
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
Claim dated October 28, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4184

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 \$15,271.17, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

Sincerely,

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



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IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

October 28, 2025

Ms. Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council of Iowa
State Capitol

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about October 14, 2025 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 \$15,271.17 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 excessive erosion along Highway 4 at Beaver Creek in Palo Alto County, IA. This will require relocation of the fiber. 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.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mulhall
Executive Director

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



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October 14, 2025

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #74260107

This estimate is for the relocation of an exposed fiber optic cable along Iowa Highway 4 at Beaver Creek, approximately 1.8 miles north Mallard in Palo Alto County. The exposure is the result of excessive erosion in the creek. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on October 14, 2025.

Restoration will require placement of approximately 425-ft of new conduit, cable, and two new maintenance splice/handholes.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Contracted Labor and Materials

Construction Labor	\$9,616.75
Construction Materials	\$2,408.48
Splicing Labor	\$2,930.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$315.94
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00

TOTAL: \$15,271.17

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger
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ESTIMATE

PROJECT	ICN Cable Relo - HWY 4 at Beaver Creek	COUNTY	Palo Alto
OSP LOG #	74260107	INC/PRB	0
LINK ID(S)	309	FIBER CT	4ct

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ICN Provided Materials	\$315.94
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Engineering Design	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$15,271.17

VENDOR CONSTRUCTION					
CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Horizontal Boring	Rural 1 ea 1.25" conduit	LF	\$10.00	425	\$4,250.00
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$600.00	2	\$1,200.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct-Rural	LF	\$1.25	575	\$718.75
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	66	\$198.00
VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:					\$9,616.75

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
Splice Closure	*450A Splice Closure (w/lugs)	EA	2	\$143.38	\$286.76
Splice Tray	*A Tray 12-pos	EA	2	\$12.01	\$24.02
Shield Bond Connector	*Shield Bond Connector	EA	4	\$1.29	\$5.16
ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$315.94

VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS					
CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	425	\$0.68	\$289.00
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	575	\$0.52	\$299.00
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$910.24	\$1,820.48
VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$2,408.48

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

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



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Exposed ICN fiber - Palo Alto Co - IA 4 at Beaver Creek

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Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #4184

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

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:06 AM

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

Subject: Exposed ICN fiber - Palo Alto Co - IA 4 at Beaver Creek

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Good morning,

Late yesterday, an ICN field technician discovered exposed ICN fiber optic cable along Iowa Highway 4 at Beaver Creek in Palo Alto County. The exposed cable is the result of continued and excessive erosion in the creek bed. Restoration will require relocating the cable through the area, likely via directional bore and placement of new maintenance splices. The ICN would like to submit this as a claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes (erosion). Please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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