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Executive Council of Iowa

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DES MOINES, IOWA 50319
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March 3, 2025

Accounting Department
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321 E 12th 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 in the amount of \$12,847.00, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

On November 26, 2024, a cable along 285th Avenue in Winneshiek County had extensive rodent damage. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN
Dave Augspurgen, Operations Division, ICN
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management
Matt Bender, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 3956
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

February 6, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Extensive Rodent Damage to Cable along 285th Avenue in Winneshiek
County on November 26, 2024
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
Claim Dated January 8, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 3956

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 \$12,847.00, 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: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management



January 8, 2025

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Newton,

On or about November 26, 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 \$12,847.00 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 285th Avenue in Winneshiek County, IA. 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,

Ryan Mulhall
Executive Director

Enclosures

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



December 31, 2024

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage: Outside Plant Log #96250407

This estimate is for the relocation of a damaged ICN cable along 285th Ave in Winneshiek County. The damaged cable is the result of rodent chewing through the cable and the Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on November 26, 2024. Repair will require approximately 500-ft of new cable be placed via directional bore between two existing maintenance splice locations.

Estimated costs for this project are listed below:

Contracted Labor and Materials

Construction Labor	\$9,935.00
Construction Materials	\$522.00
Splicing Labor	\$2,390.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00

TOTAL: \$12,847.00

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

Dave Augspurger
Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead
Outside Plant
Iowa Communications Network
400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319
515-725-4604 office
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ESTIMATE

PROJECT	Winneshtek Co - Link 112A damaged from rodent chews	COUNTY	Winneshtek
OSP LOG #	96250407	INC/PRB	PRB0041198
LINK ID(S)	112A	FIBER CT	4

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VENDOR CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Horizontal Boring	Rural 1 ea 1.25" conduit	LF	\$12.00	500	\$6,000.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$2.00	600	\$1,200.00
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$20.00	120	\$2,400.00
Trenching	Rural Open Trench	LF	\$5.00	20	\$100.00
Misc	Mobilization mileage adder	MILES	\$5.00	27	\$135.00
Misc	Line Verification (Locating)	LF	\$0.20	500	\$100.00
VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:					\$9,935.00

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	\$55.00	8	\$440.00
SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:					\$2,390.00

ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$0.00	

VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	500	\$0.42	\$210.00
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	600	\$0.52	\$312.00
VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$522.00

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>

Rodent Chew damage - Winneshiek Co 285th Ave south of Highway 96250407

2 messages

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

Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 1:38 PM

To: "Harris, Victoria [ICN]" <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: "Jordan, Jacob" <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>

Good afternoon,

During troubleshooting of signal loss issues along a span of ICN fiber in Winneshiek County, an ICN field technician discovered extensive evidence of rodent activity in the vicinity of the signal loss. Restoration will require placement of new conduit/cable through the area of rodent activity and damage. The ICN would like to submit this as a claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes (rodent). Please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger

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1/8/25, 11:30 AM

State of Iowa Mail - Rodent Chew damage - Winneshiek Co 285th Ave south of Highway 96250407

Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>

Wed, Jan 1, 2025 at 11:19 PM

To: "Augspurger, Dave" <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>, "Harris, Victoria [ICN]" <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>, "McHone, Kammy [ICN]" <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>, Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>, Dana Davis <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, "Pappan, Scott [ICN]" <scott.pappan@iowa.gov>, "Mulhall, Ryan [ICN]" <ryan.mulhall@iowa.gov>

Cc: "Jordan, Jacob" <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>

Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #3956

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 1:39 PM

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

Cc: Jordan, Jacob <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>

Subject: Rodent Chew damage - Winneshiek Co 285th Ave south of Highway 96250407

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