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July 14, 2025

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Damages to Maintenance Splice Locations due to Brush Fire along King Avenue  
in Buchanan County on April 10, 2025  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim dated June 6, 2025  
AOS Claim ID: 4065

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 \$6,642.97, 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



June 6, 2025

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about April 11, 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 \$6,642.97 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 a ditch brush fire approximately 3 miles south of Independence, IA along King Avenue (north of 265<sup>th</sup> Street) in Buchanan County. Enclosed are the damage assessment and cost estimate to relocate and 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,

Mike Cruise  
Finance Director

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



**May 29, 2025**

**Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage: Outside Plant Log #10250107**

This estimate is for the permanent repair of a damaged ICN cable along King Ave in Buchanan County. The damaged cable is the result of ditch brush fire that destroyed two ICN handholes and one splice case. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Repair will require replacing one splice case and installing two new 24x30x36 handholes.

*Estimated costs for this project are listed below:*

**Contracted Labor and Materials**

<b>Construction Labor</b>	\$2,325.00
<b>Construction Materials</b>	\$2,080.00
<b>Splicing Labor</b>	\$2,080.00
<b>ICN Provided Materials</b>	\$157.97
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$0.00
<b>Engineering Design</b>	\$0.00

**TOTAL: \$6,642.97**

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

**Dave Augspurger**  
**Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead**  
Outside Plant  
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# ESTIMATE

<b>PROJECT</b>	Buchanan Co - Fiber cut due to brush fire - Link 702B	<b>COUNTY</b>	Buchanan
<b>OSP LOG #</b>	10250107	<b>INC/PRB</b>	INC0065708
<b>LINK ID(S)</b>	0702-B	<b>FIBER CT</b>	8

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## VENDOR CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$500.00	2	\$1,000.00
Misc	Mobilization	LS	\$525.00	1	\$525.00
Misc	Trackhoe Excavator	HR	\$200.00	4	\$800.00
<b>VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$2,325.00</b>

## 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	1	\$350.00
Splicing labor	Fusion Splicing	Splicing	\$60.00	8	\$480.00
<b>SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$2,080.00</b>

## ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
Splice Closure	*450A Splice Closure (w/lugs)	EA	1	\$143.38	\$143.38	FOSC450-A4-4-NT-0-A1V
Splice Tray	*A Tray 12-pos	EA	1	\$12.01	\$12.01	497817-000
Shield Bond Connector	*Shield Bond Connector	EA	2	\$1.29	\$2.58	4460-D
<b>ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$157.97</b>	

## VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$1,040.00	\$2,080.00	0
<b>VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$2,080.00</b>	

## ENGINEERING DESIGN

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
<b>ENGINEERING DESIGN SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	NOTES
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	



McHone, Kammy &lt;kammy.mchone@iowa.gov&gt;

## 10250107 Buchanan Co - King Ave north of 265th St - Network outage and infrastructure damage due to fire

2 messages

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

Fri, Apr 11, 2025 at 7:28 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 [AOS] Davis" <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, Scott Pappan <scott.pappan@icn.state.ia.us>, "Hollingsworth, Tammy [AOS]" <tammy.hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>, Ryan Mulhall <ryan.mulhall@icn.state.ia.us>, Connor Kuehl <connor.kuehl@icn.state.ia.us>, Jacob Jordan <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>

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Respectfully,

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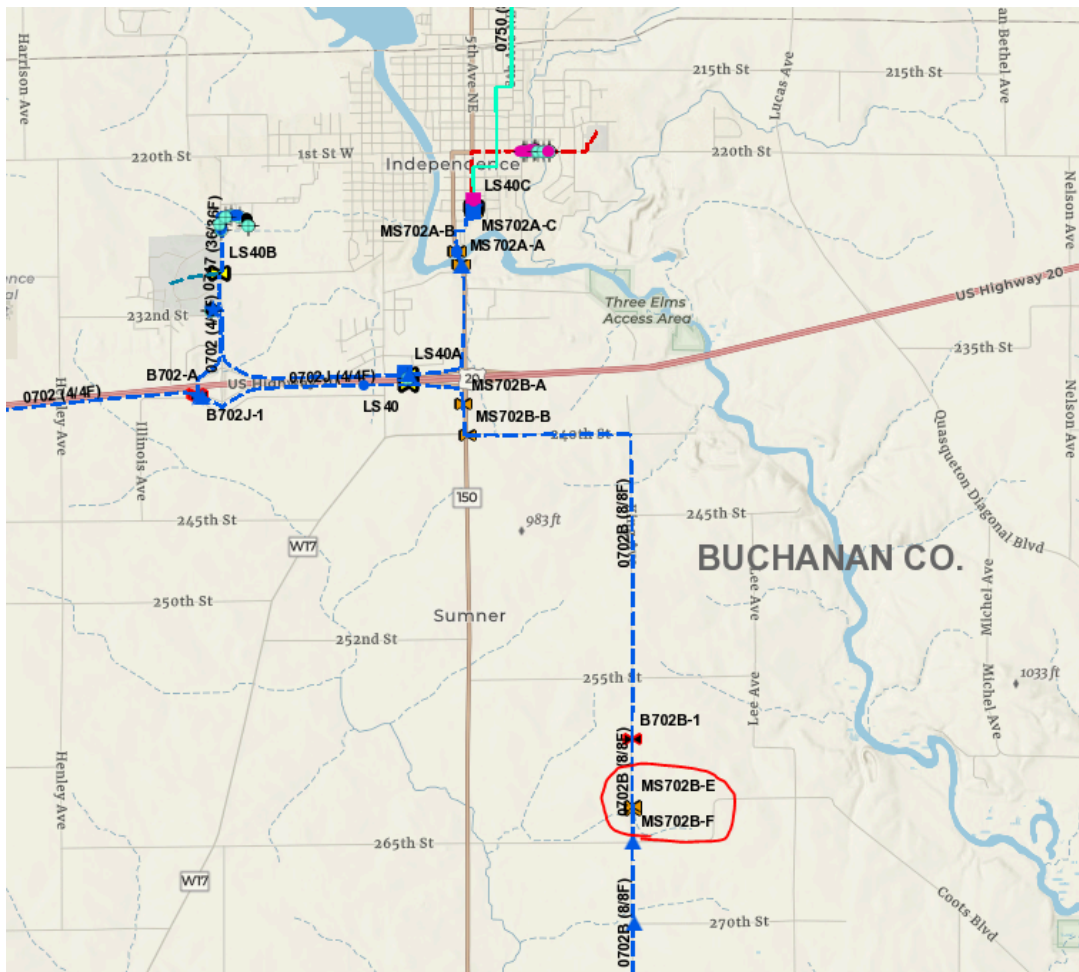
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**Tammy Hollingsworth** <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>

Thu, May 22, 2025 at 10:02 AM

To: "Augspurger, Dave" <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>, "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>, Ryan Mulhall <ryan.mulhall@icn.state.ia.us>, Connor Kuehl <connor.kuehl@icn.state.ia.us>, Jacob Jordan <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>

Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #4065

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

**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2025 7:29 AM

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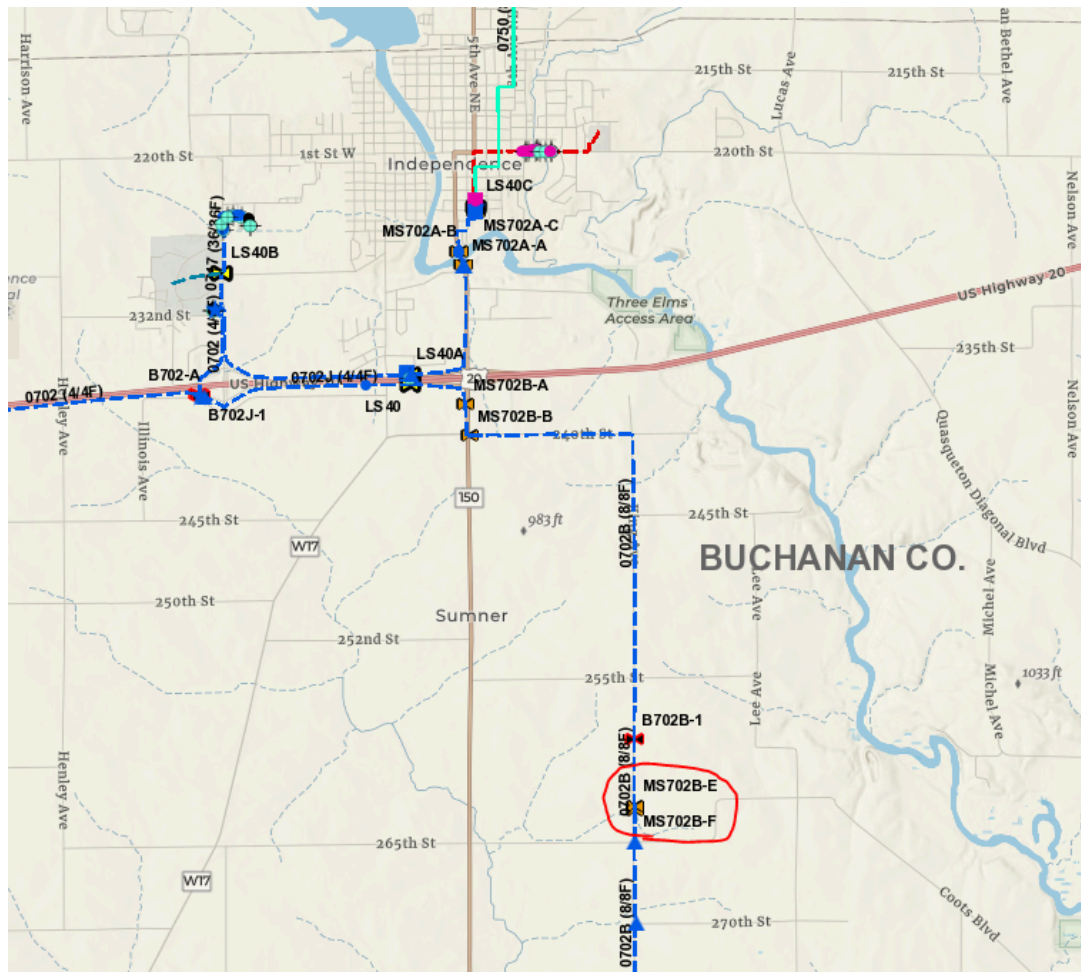
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