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## Executive Council of Iowa

CAPITOL BUILDING  
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319  
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September 5, 2023

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

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on today's date, approved the Iowa Communications Network's request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$19,500.50, subject to audit of actual invoices. On May 25, 2023, a cable along 155<sup>th</sup> Street and Quail Avenue in Floyd County was damaged due to a rodent chew. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary

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

AOS Claim # 3548  
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

August 4, 2023

Victoria Newton  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Damaged Cable due to Rodent Chewing at 155<sup>th</sup> Street and Quail Avenue in  
Floyd County on May 25, 2023  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim Dated June 14, 2023  
AOS Claim ID: 3548

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 in the amount of \$19,500.50, subject to an 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest H. Ruben, Jr.".

Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

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

June 14, 2023

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Newton,

On or about May 25, 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 \$19,500.50 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 155<sup>th</sup> Street west of Quail Avenue in Floyd County, IA. This will require repair and relocation. 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,



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



June 6, 2023

**Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage: Outside Plant Log #34210507**

This estimate is for the relocation of a damaged ICN cable along 155<sup>th</sup> St west of Quail Ave in Floyd 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 May 25th, 2023. Investigation into cause of damage required troubleshooting which incurred miscellaneous costs to expose and raise existing handholes and replace and resplice existing splice locations. Permanent relocation will require approximately 500-ft of new cable be placed via direct bury (plow) and introduction of two new maintenance splices.

*Estimated costs for this project are listed below:*

<b>Contracted Labor and Materials</b>	
<b>Construction Labor</b>	\$6,340.00
<b>Construction Materials</b>	\$3,200.50
<b>Splicing Labor</b>	\$2,992.00
<b>ICN Provided Materials</b>	\$0.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$6,968.00
<b>Engineering Design</b>	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$19,500.50</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

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

**ESTIMATE**

<b>PROJECT</b>	Damaged fibers along 155th St west of Quail Ave	<b>COUNTY</b>	Floyd
<b>OSP LOG #</b>	34210507	<b>INC/PRB</b>	PRB0040958
<b>LINK ID(S)</b>	211	<b>FIBER CT</b>	8F

<b>Contracted Labor and Materials</b>	
Construction Labor	\$6,340.00
Construction Materials	\$3,200.50
Splicing Labor	\$2,992.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$6,968.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$19,500.50</b>

**VENDOR CONSTRUCTION**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$450.00	2	\$900.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$2.00	650	\$1,300.00
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$7.00	120	\$840.00
Plowing	Rural Plow 1 ea 1.25" Duct	LF	\$2.50	500	\$1,250.00
Misc	Place Warning Marker-Rural	EA	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Misc	Mobilization	LS	\$750.00	2	\$1,500.00
Misc	Backhoe/Mini Excavator	HR	\$125.00	4	\$500.00
<b>VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$6,340.00</b>

**SPLICING LABOR**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	UNIT RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Splicing labor	Splicing Mobilization	LS	\$875.00	1	\$875.00
Splicing labor	Prep Splice Closure	EA	\$315.00	2	\$630.00
Splicing labor	Fusion Splicing	Splicing 13	\$57.00	16	\$912.00
Splicing labor	Off Hours Charge	LS	\$575.00	1	\$575.00
<b>SPLICING LABOR SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$2,992.00</b>

**ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
<b>ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	

**VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS**

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	500	\$1.35	\$675.00	13.5
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	800	\$0.68	\$544.00	0
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00	0
Splice Closure	*450A Splice Closure (w/lugs)	EA	2	\$157.00	\$314.00	0
Splice Tray	*A Tray 12-pos	EA	2	\$19.75	\$39.50	0
Shield Bond Connector	*Shield Bond Connector	EA	4	\$37.00	\$148.00	0
<b>VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$3,200.50</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
Miscellaneous	troubleshooting - handhole work		0	\$4,968.00	\$4,968.00	0
Miscellaneous	troubleshooting - splicing work		0	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:</b>					<b>\$6,968.00</b>	



**Rodent damage Floyd County along 155th St just west of Quail Ave (34210507)**

1 message

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

Thu, May 25, 2023 at 11:50 AM

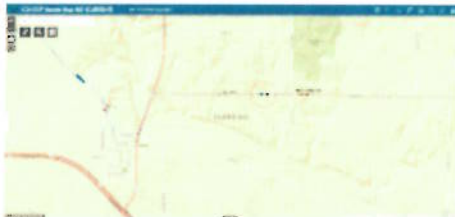
To: Victoria Harris <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>, Kammy McHone <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>, Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>, "Dana [AOS] Davis" <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, Scott Pappan <scott.pappan@iowa.gov>, "Hollingsworth, Tammy [AOS]" <tammy.hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>, Ryan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

Good morning,

The ICN has been troubleshooting a fiber loss issue northeast of Floyd, IA in Floyd County. During a maintenance window last night, the issue was isolated to be near 155th St and Quail Ave. This morning, further investigation in daylight revealed rodent mounds in the vicinity of the signal loss indicating gopher chew as the likely culprit. The ICN would like to submit this damage repair as a claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes (rodent chew). Please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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

**3 attachments**

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