

1 **Re: Hind's Lake - Blue Grass Hill Fibre Optical Cable**

2 Q. Has Hydro considered a buried fibre optical cable for this project? If not, why  
3 not?

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6 A. Hydro has not considered buried fibre optic cable for this project. Estimates  
7 obtained for previous projects have shown that burying fibre optic cable is the  
8 most expensive method of installation in Newfoundland because of the  
9 ruggedness of the terrain, the amount of rock encountered, and the soil  
10 conditions. Hydro has chosen the option which is the lowest cost for the  
11 ratepayer.