

## **ATTACHMENT 5: PRE-CONSTRUCTION PLANT FIELD SURVEYS FOR BIPOLE III NORTHERN COMPONENTS**

In 2012, pre-construction botanical surveys for species of conservation concern were conducted for the Bipole III northern project components. The surveys were completed by Szwaluk Environmental Consulting Ltd. and Calyx Consulting.

Eighty-five sites were visited including the AC collector lines, construction power line, ground electrode site and line, Keewatinoow converter station, construction power site, construction camp, lagoon, work area, borrow sources and material placement areas.

The field studies determined 10 additional species of conservation concern (as defined by Manitoba Conservation Data Centre) at 42 locations in the project area. No species listed by the Manitoba Endangered Species Act, federal Species at Risk Act, or the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada were observed during the studies.

The report is in the process of being submitted during the week of September 17 and will be available before Mr. Szwaluk will testify at the Bipole III hearing in late October.