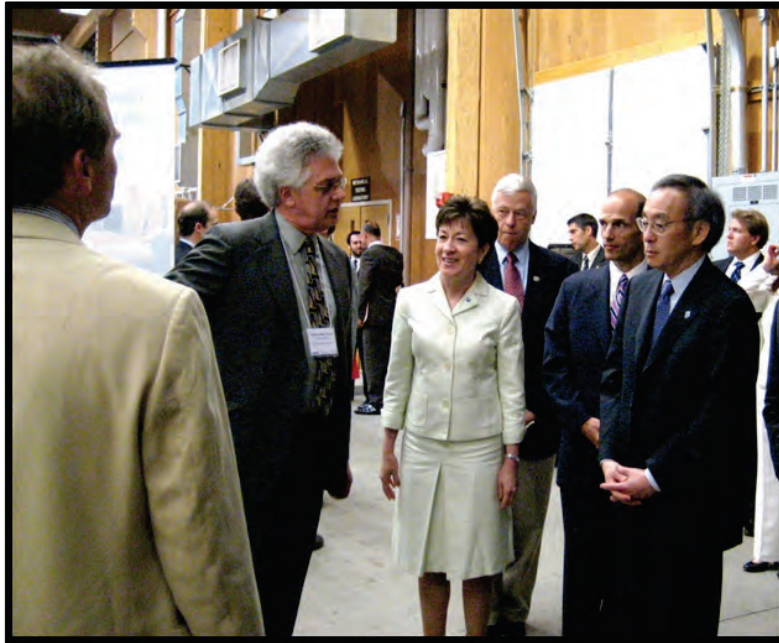


Energy Secretary Chu Applauds ORPC's Tidal Energy Efforts



ORPC's John Ferland (back to camera) and Chris Sauer with Senator Susan Collins, Congressman Mike Michaud, Governor John Baldacci, and Secretary of Energy Stephen Chu (left to right)

On June 14, 2010, ORPC President and CEO Chris Sauer and ORPC-Maine Vice President of Project Development John Ferland briefed U.S. Secretary of Energy Dr. Steven Chu on our Beta Tidal Energy Project in Eastport, Maine. Secretary Chu expressed interest in our project and emphasized the importance of ORPC's work to advancing ocean energy in the U.S. ORPC hopes that Secretary Chu will return to Maine in August to visit the project while it generates electricity from tidal currents in Cobscook Bay.

Hosted by Maine Senator Susan Collins, Secretary Chu was also joined by Maine Governor John Baldacci, Maine Congressman Mike Michaud (2nd District) and Maine Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (1st District) on his visit to the University of Maine.

“Maine is well positioned to lead the nation in tidal energy development,” Sen. Collins said, “and I am delighted that Secretary Chu was able to learn first-hand about Ocean Renewable Power Company’s tidal power project in Eastport. I was pleased to help successfully secure \$1 million in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill for this initiative. This is one example of the type of actions we need on a national scale to stabilize gas and oil prices, prevent energy shortages, and achieve national energy independence. Continued investment and innovation in clean energy technologies are integral to advancing these goals, and ORPC is helping to lead the way in Maine.”