

# Welcome to the February 2023 Frontier Training Workshop

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# Office of Science User Facilities



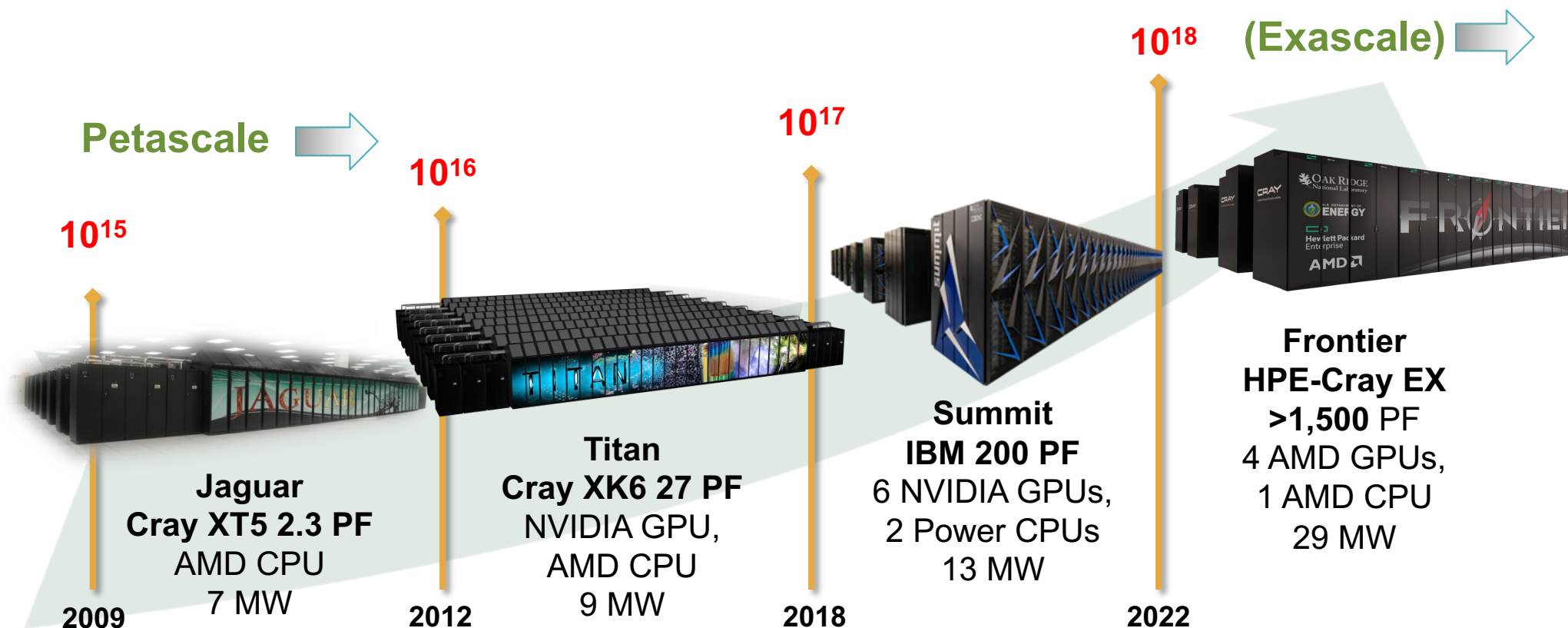
**28 world-leading facilities serving over 33,000 researchers annually**

- supercomputers,
  - high intensity x-ray, neutron, and electron sources,
  - nanoscience facilities,
  - genomic sequencing facilities,
  - particle accelerators,
  - fusion/plasma physics facilities, and
  - atmospheric monitoring capabilities.
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- **Open access; allocation determined through peer review of proposals**
  - **Free for non-proprietary work published in the open literature**
  - Full cost recovery for proprietary work

# Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility – a DOE Office of Science User Facility

Mission: Providing world-class computational and data resources and specialized services for the most computationally intensive global challenges

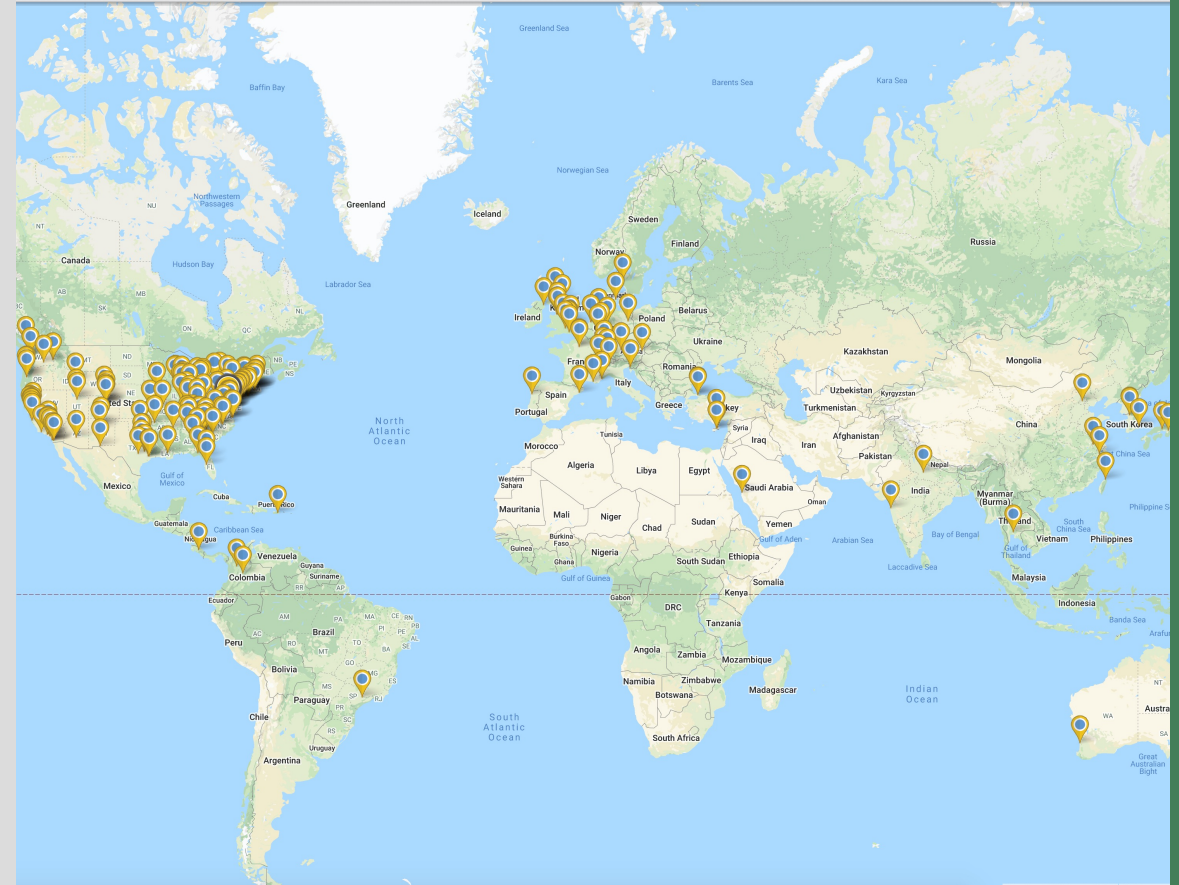
Vision: Deliver transforming discoveries in energy technologies, materials, biology, environment, health, etc.





# OLCF Users

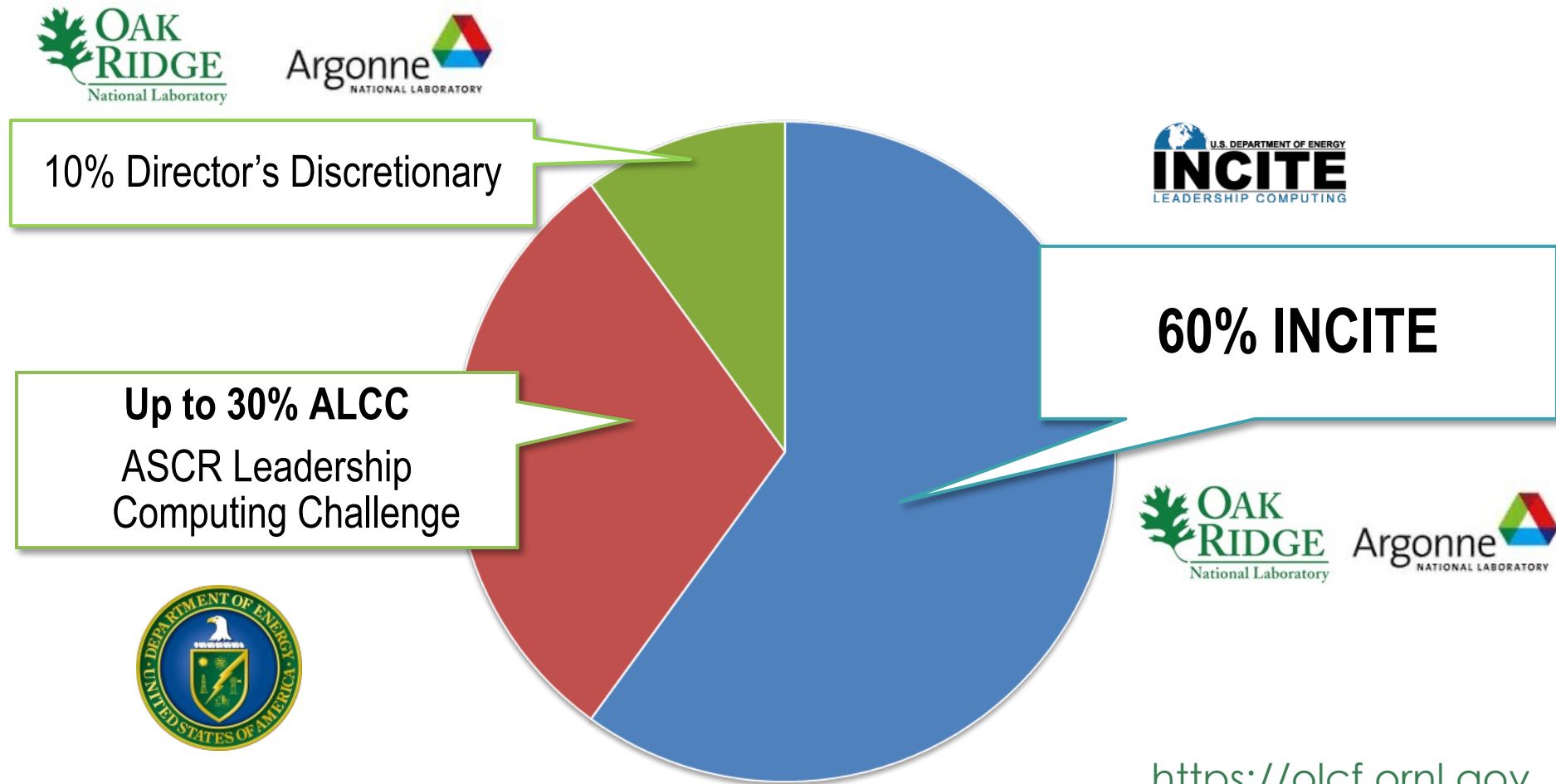
- The OLCF averages about 1,500 unique users who are located around the world
- OLCF users come from academia, industry, and govt institutions
- Users are attached to projects which run up to 3 years in duration. We average about 250 research projects per year.
- OLCF resources are allocated through three highly competitive allocation programs requiring peer reviewed proposals





# *Three primary user programs for access to LCF*

## *Distribution of allocable hours*



# OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY'S FRONTIER SUPERCOMPUTER



- 74 HPE Cray EX cabinets
- 9,408 AMD EPYC CPUs,  
37,632 AMD GPUs
- 700 petabytes of storage  
capacity, peak write speeds  
of 5 terabytes per second  
using Cray Clusterstor  
Storage System
- 90 miles of HPE Slingshot  
networking cables

TOP500

#1\*

1.1 exaflops of  
performance on the  
TOP500 List.

\*May and  
November 2022



GREEN500

#2\*

62.04 gigaflops/watt  
power efficiency on  
a single cabinet.

\*November 2022



HPL-MxP

#1\*

7.9 exaflops on the  
HPL-MxP (formerly  
HPL-AI) benchmark.

\*November 2022



Sources: May 30, 2022, and November 14, 2022, Top500 releases

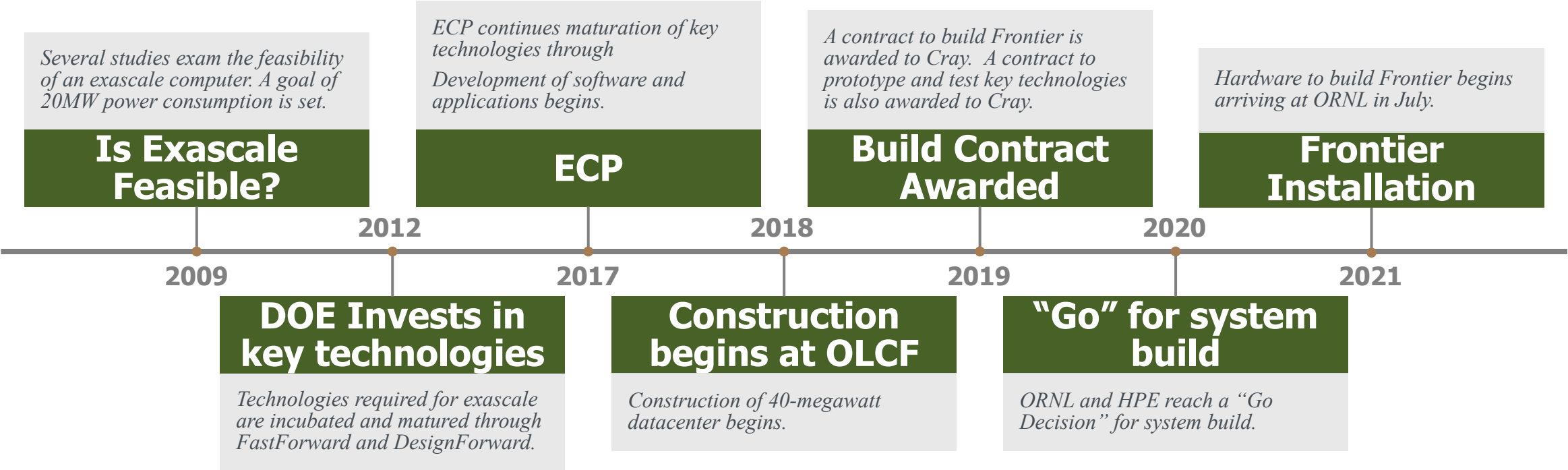
# What does it take to build a leadership class computer?

- Time
- Many talented people
- A little excavation and demolition
- Great partners



# Time

## Decadal effort to deliver U. S. Exascale systems lead to Frontier



Frontier Entering User Operations in 2023

# Many Talented and Hardworking People

- Broad support from DOE HQ and Site Office
- 150 experts from 6 labs met in late 2018 to review technical proposals for Frontier
- 1,000 ECP staff
- 90 OLCF staff
- 20+ application/software teams through ECP
- Over 200 electrical and mechanical workers
- Over 300 HPE and AMD engineers
- And more





# A Little Demolition

- 30 offices, 8 laboratories, and a 20,000 s.f. data center





Became the space  
for 40 MW of cooling



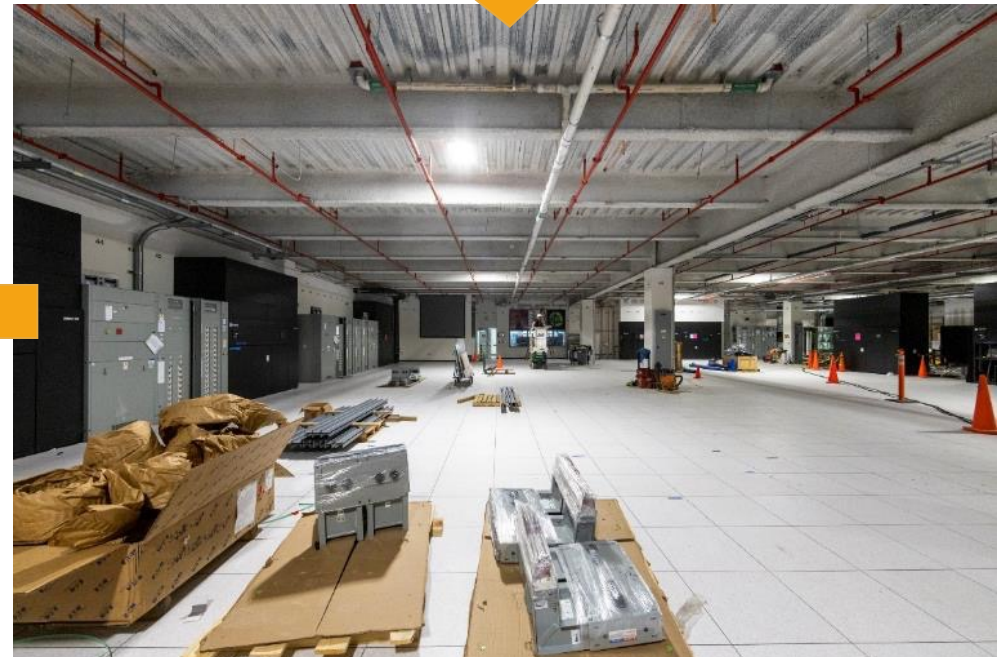


# 2.5 miles of new power lines installed





# The old Titan data center becomes the new Frontier data center





# Great partners

- A pandemic, the supply chain, and tremendous complexity...oh my!

# Next Steps

- We are in the final stages of the Orion file system deployment
- Once Orion is ready to be deployed, we will conduct a short final system test and checkout and then begin those projects in the User Programs with allocations in the pipeline including:
  - INCITE Teams
  - ECP Application and Software Teams
  - Early Science Teams
  - Small number of 2022-2023 ALCC Teams
- ALCC 2023-2024 are in the proposal pipeline now with an expected start date of July 1, 2023
- Our expectation is that we will start taking Director's Discretionary proposals for Frontier in March, 2023
- We will be communicating a Summit decommissioning schedule shortly and plan to remove Summit from user operations near the end of this CY.

# Thank You

