

Press Release

Arelion Scales the Mountains, Launching New Route From Denver to the Bay Area

New route adds resilience and flexibility to Arelion's growing network, enabling seamless edge connectivity across the U.S.

Stockholm, 3 May 2023 – <u>Arelion</u> today announced that it has launched a new route from Denver to the San Francisco Bay Area, connecting through Salt Lake City and Reno. This new route will serve the demand for high-capacity bandwidth services and diverse, low-latency connectivity options in these booming technology and hyperscale data center markets. Arelion's network now provides enhanced resilience and flexibility, offering seamless edge connectivity through its fourth cross-country east-to-west coast U.S. route.

As an early adopter in deploying open optical networking solutions, Arelion's new route leverages the latest open optical line systems and supports multi-vendor transponders and coherent pluggable components to deliver multi-terabit scale capacity, enabling 10G, 100G and 400G <u>Wavelengths</u> deliveries with aggressive lead times for the global carrier's customers.

Arelion's new Point-of-Presence (PoP) at <u>Flexential</u>'s Centennial campus expands the carrier's Denver metro reach south, providing low-latency connectivity to Denver's thriving scale data centers. With this enhanced metro flexibility, Arelion can also fully bypass Denver's downtown legacy carrier hotels and avoid network congestion, providing added resiliency to its customers.

Reno's data center market is also thriving, with Reno tech companies securing \$1.4 billion in funding in 2021 and the region's tech industry adding 41 percent of Northern Nevada's new jobs in 2022. Arelion's new PoP at the Switch Citadel campus in Tahoe Reno provides customers a cost-effective site for serving Northern California, with lower energy costs, renewable energy and more reliable connectivity with lower risk of natural disasters compared to some coastal regions.

Utah's Silicon Slopes region has become a hotbed of tech innovation and investment, attracting billions of dollars in funding. The region's tech industry generates \$19.1 billion annually, with a recent report showing tech jobs grew 6.5 percent in 2022. Arelion's new route will serve the significant bandwidth and diversity requirements of Salt Lake City's hyper scale demands, providing low-latency access to four core data center campuses in the area.

The global carrier's new route also provides additional diversity to serve the rich Bay Area data center ecosystem through diverse East and West Bay routing.

"This network investment in Denver, Salt Lake City, Reno and the San Francisco Bay Area is in direct response to our customers' growing technology demands," said Wes Cantrall, Head of Sales in North



America, Arelion. "We bring additional choices for diversity and high capacity to these regions, enabling us to meet companies' terabit-scale needs in these evolving markets. Our ongoing commitment to connect growing edge markets across the country is a testament to our dedication to delivering best-inclass services that enable tech business growth in previously underserved regions."

The new route will go live in late Q2. Further insights into Arelion's North American network expansion:

- Routing west, Arelion's new diverse network connects to Denver (<u>Flexential Centennial</u> and <u>CoreSite – DE1</u>) and Aurora (<u>Flexential</u>).
- The route connects to Flexential sites in <u>Fair Park</u> and <u>Salt Lake City</u>. Additional Salt Lake City sites include <u>EdgeConneX SLC01</u> and <u>DataBank SLC1 and SLC2 in Bluffdale</u>.
- The network continues to Tahoe Reno (Switch Citadel).
- Additional connectivity is provided to key Bay Area cities, including San Francisco (<u>Digital Realty SFO10</u>), San Jose (<u>Equinix SV1</u>), Palo Alto (<u>Equinix SV8</u>), Santa Clara (<u>CoreSite SV4</u>) and other colocation sites in the Bay Area.

With its fourth North American east-to-west coast route, Arelion provides enhanced access to its number one ranked Internet backbone, <u>AS1299</u>, as well as the global carrier's portfolio of leading IP and optical technology services, including high-speed <u>IP Transit</u>, <u>Cloud Connect</u>, <u>Ethernet</u> and <u>IPX services</u> for service providers, content providers and enterprises.

About Arelion

Arelion solves global connectivity challenges for multinational enterprises whose businesses rely on digital infrastructure. On top of the world's #1 ranked IP backbone and a unique ecosystem of cloud and network service providers, we provide an award-winning customer experience to customers in more than 125 countries worldwide. Our global Internet services connect more than 700 cloud, security and content providers with low latency. For further resilience, our private Cloud Connect service connects directly to Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, IBM Cloud and Oracle Cloud across North America, Europe and Asia.

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