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(Salt Lake City, Utah) – The Salt Lake City Council will hold a special fact-finding work session with Mayor Anderson relating to a proposal from the Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) to build a fiber optic network for use by private companies to provide retail services to homeowners and businesses. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 326 of the City & County Building, 451 S State Street, Salt Lake City.

The City Council has invited three people representing organizations opposed to the UTOPIA project and three people in favor of the project to present comments and respond to questions from the Council and Mayor. The City's financial advisor will also provide information.

Dr. Wendell Gibby, MD – neural radiologist (user of similar fiber optic network)

Jerry Fenn, Qwest – Utah president, public policy

Roger Black, UTOPIA – chief operating officer

Mike Jarman, Utah Taxpayers Association – vice president

Pete Ashdown, XMission – president and founder

Steve Proper, Comcast – government relations

Kelly Murdock, Wells Fargo Public Finance (Salt Lake City's financial advisor)

The fact-finding meeting will be broadcast live on Salt Lake City Cable Channel 17.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2004. The City Council also welcomes written comments regarding the UTOPIA proposal. Mail your remarks to the City Council Office, 451 S State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 or email comments to council.comments@slcgov.com.

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