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## **UTOPIA** announces new Executive Director Roger Timmerman

Former Vice President of Engineering for Vivint Wireless approved by board

**WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH (Feb. 8, 2016)** — The Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) board approved the hiring of Roger Timmerman as the organization's Executive Director.

"As UTOPIA enters a new period of growth, it is vital to find a leader like Roger to take us to the next level," Wayne Pyle, UTOPIA Board Chairman said. "Roger brings a vast understanding of the internet service and telecommunications field from Vivint that will be a valuable asset to our organization."

A graduate of Brigham Young University, Timmerman brings over 15 years of experience in the telecommunications and information technology industry to the executive director position. After graduating with a Master's in Information Technology, Timmerman went on to work for iProvo before joining UTOPIA and directing the design and implementation of the agency's enhanced network. In 2013, Roger left UTOPIA to work as the Vice President of Engineering for Vivint Wireless. During Roger's time at Vivint, the internet service provider grew into one of the largest wireless providers in the country.

The Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency, more commonly known as UTOPIA, consists of a group of Utah cities that joined together to form an ultra-high-speed fiber-optic network and provide critical advanced communications infrastructure to their residents. The network offers fiber-to-the-premises technology, allowing for faster services that are uninterrupted by copper wiring or shared connections with neighbors. Its open access model fosters competition among private sector service providers who offer Internet, television, telephone and other services, giving customers the freedom to choose their own service providers, the best prices and the best service.