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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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TOUCH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC., et al.,

Chapter 11

Case No. 03-11915 (KJC)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASES, MEETING OF CREDITORS AND FIXING OF CERTAIN DATES

On June 19, 2003, orders for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), were entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in the matters of <u>Touch America Holdings, Inc.,</u> <u>Touch America, Inc., Entech, LLC, Touch America Purchasing Company, LLC, Touch America Intangible Holding Company, LLC, Sierra Touch America LLC and American Fiber Touch, LLC. Pursuant to an order of the Court, dated June 23, 2003, all of the above referenced cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only under case number 03-11915 (KJC). The Debtors and their respective addresses, case numbers and federal tax identification numbers are as follows:</u>

DEBTOR (Other names, if any, used by the Debtor in the last 6 years) ¹	Address	Case No.	Tax I.D.
Touch America Holdings, Inc.	130 N. Main Street Butte, MT 59701	03-11915 (KJC)	81-0540231
Touch America, Inc.	130 N. Main Street Butte, MT 59701	03-11916 (KJC)	81-0424592
Entech, LLC	130 N. Main Street Butte, MT 59701	03-11917 (KJC)	81-0540364
Touch America Purchasing Company, LLC	130 N. Main Street Butte, MT 59701	03-11918 (KJC)	81-0537114
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¹ The following are the names used by all of the Debtors in the last six years: The Montana Power Company The Montana Power, L L C. The Montana Broadband Company/Corporation The Montana Telecommunications Company Touch America Telecommunications

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DEBTOR (Other names, if any, used by the Debtor in the last 6 years) ¹	Address	Case No.	Tax I.D.
Touch America Intangible Holding Company, LLC	130 N. Main Street	03-11919 (KJC)	81-0537115
	Butte, MT 59701		
Sierra Touch America LLC	130 N. Main Street	03-11920 (KJC)	81-0534327
	Butte, MT 59701		
American Fiber Touch, LLC	130 N. Main Street	03-11921 (KJC)	81-0532088
	Butte, MT 59701		

DEADLINE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM: Notice of a deadline will be sent at a later time.

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<u>COMMENCEMENT OF CASES</u>: The Debtors listed above have filed petitions for reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in this Court, and orders for relief have been entered. You will not receive notice of all documents filed in this case. All documents filed with the Court, including lists of the Debtors' property and debts, are available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court; such documents may also be available at <u>www.deb.uscourts.gov</u>. Further, such documents are available at Delaware Document Retrieval, 200 West 9th Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, (302) 658-9971.

<u>PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 11 FILING</u>: Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code enables a debtor to reorganize pursuant to a plan. A plan is not effective unless approved by the court at a confirmation hearing. Creditors will be given notice of any documents or proceedings concerning any plan in these cases. In the event that the cases are dismissed or converted to another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, creditors will receive notice of such event. The Debtors will remain in possession of their property and will continue to operate any business unless a trustee is appointed.

<u>CREDITORS MAY NOT TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS</u>: A creditor is anyone to whom a debtor owes money or property. Under the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor is granted certain protection against creditors. Common examples of prohibited actions by creditors are contacting a debtor to demand repayment, taking action against a debtor to collect money owed to creditors or to take property of a debtor, and starting or continuing foreclosure actions or repossessions. If unauthorized actions are taken by a creditor against a debtor, the Court may penalize that creditor. A creditor who is considering taking action against a debtor or the property of a debtor should review section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and may wish to seek legal advice. The staff members at the Clerk's Office of the Bankruptcy Court are not permitted to give legal advice.

MEETING OF CREDITORS: A meeting of creditors has been scheduled for July 21, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. (ET) at the J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, 844 N. King Street, 2nd Floor, Room 2112, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. The Debtors' representatives, as specified in Rule 9001(5) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), are required to appear at the meeting of creditors on the date and at the place set forth above for the purpose of being examined under oath. Attendance by creditors at the meeting is welcomed, but not required. At the meeting, the creditors may examine the Debtors and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The meeting may be continued or adjourned from time to time by notice at the meeting, without further written notice to the creditors.

<u>CLAIMS</u>: Schedules of creditors will be filed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1007. Any creditor holding a scheduled claim that is not listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated as to amount may, but is not required to, file a proof of claim in these cases. Creditors whose claims are not scheduled or whose claims are listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated as to amount and who desire to participate in the cases or share in any distribution must file their proofs of claim. A creditor who desires to rely on the schedule of creditors has the responsibility for determining that the claim is listed accurately. **Separate notice of the deadlines to file proofs of claim and proof of claim forms will be provided to the Debtors' known creditors**. Proof of claim forms are also available in the clerk's office of any bankruptcy court, and online at the Court's web site at <u>www.deb.uscourts.gov</u>. Bankruptcy Management Corporation ("BMC") is the claims agent in these cases and can provide a proof of claim form if you cannot obtain one from your local bankruptcy court. BMC can be reached as follows:

Bankruptcy Management Corporation 1330 E. Franklin Avenue El Segundo, CA 90245 (888) 909-0100

<u>DISCHARGE OF DEBTS</u>: Confirmation of chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. <u>See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)</u>. A discharge means that you may never try to collect the debt from the debtor, except as provided in the plan.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware July 1, 2003

> For the Court: <u>/s/ David D. Bird</u> Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court