UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

PROOF OF INTEREST

Name of Debtor:
Touch America Holdings, Inc.

Case Number:
03-11915 (KJC)

YOUR INTEREST IS RECORDED AS:

1. Name of holder of the Equity Interest (The person or entity holding an Equity Interest in the Debtor. Referred to hereinafter as the "Interestholder"):

16938530013535
THOMAS J LAWSON JR
435 SOMERSET CT
ALGONQUIN, IL 60102-1940

Telephone Number (847) 658-1766

☐ Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of interest relating to your interest. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.

☐ Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court or BMC Group in this case.

☐ Check box if this address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.

Internal ID: s15482
Account ID: LAWSON THOJ101
Member Interest: 514.000

The amounts reflected above constitute your interest per the Debtor. If you agree with the number of shares set forth herein you do not need to file this proof of interest.

NOTE: This form SHOULD NOT be used to make a claim against the Debtor for money owed. A separate Proof of Claim form should be used for that purpose. This form should only be used to assert an Equity Interest in the Debtor. An Equity Interest is any right arising from any capital stock and any equity security in any of the Debtor. An equity security is defined in the Bankruptcy Code as (a) a share in a corporation whether or not transferable or denominated stock or similar security, (b) interest of a limited partner in a limited partnership, or (c) warrant or right other than a right to convert, to purchase, sell, or subscribe to a share, security, or interest of a kind specified in subparagraph (a) or (b) above.

If you have already filed a proof of interest with BMC for common stock equity, you do not need to file again.

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Account or other number by which Interestholder identifies Debtor:
SS# 342-12-2706

Check here if this claim:
☐ replaces a previously filed Proof of Interest dated: _____
☐ amends a previously filed Proof of Interest dated: _____

2. Name and Address of any person or entity that is the record holder for the Equity Interest asserted in this Proof of Interest:
THOMAS J. LAWSON, JR.
435 SOMERSET COURT
ALGONQUIN, IL 60102

Telephone Number (847) 658-1766

3. Date Equity Interest was acquired:
PER #7

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4. Total amount of member interest: PER #7

5. Certificate number(s): PER #7

6. Type of Equity Interest:

Please indicate the type of Equity Interest you hold:

☑ Check this box if your Equity Interest is based on common shares held in the Debtor.

☐ Check this box if your Equity Interest is based on anything else and describe that interest:

_____

7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: *Attach copies of supporting documents,* such as stock, certificates, brokerage statements, option agreements, warrants, etc. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.
X BROKERAGE STATEMENT ATTACHED AS ORIGINATED AND AUTHENTICATED PER THE LAW OFFICES OF MC GARVEY

8. DATE-STAMPED COPY: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your proof of interest, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of interest.

The original of this completed proof of interest form must be sent by mail or hand delivered (FAXES NOT ACCEPTED) so that it is **actually received on or before 4:00 PM, prevailing Eastern time, on June 28, 2010** for each person or entity (including individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts and governmental units).

BY MAIL TO:
BMC Group, Inc.
Attn: Touch America Holdings Claims Processing
PO Box 3020
Chanhassen, MN 55317-3020

BY HAND OR OVERNIGHT DELIVERY TO:
BMC Group, Inc.
Attn: Touch America Holdings Claims Processing
18750 Lake Drive East
Chanhassen, MN 55317

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Touch America POI
01385

DATE
06-14-2010

SIGN and print the name and title, if any, of the Interestholder or other person authorized to file this proof of interest (attach copy of power of attorney, if any):
Thomas J. Lawson JR.

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Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim is a fine of up to $500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 AND 3571

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION

In re Touch America Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation
No. CV-02-0057-BU-SEH

McGreevey, et al. v. Montana Power Company, et al.
No. CV-03-01-BU-SEH

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

Please Type or Print in the Boxes Below
Do NOT use Red Ink, Pencil, or Staples

Must be Postmarked No Later Than June 21, 2010

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PART I: CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

Last Name: LAWSON, JR. | M.I.: J. | First Name: THOMAS

Last Name (Co-Beneficial Owner): | First Name (Co-Beneficial Owner):

○ IRA ○ Joint Tenancy ○ Employee ☒ Individual ○ Other _____ (specify)

Company Name (Beneficial Owner - If Claimant is not an Individual) or Custodian Name if an IRA:

Trustee/Asset Manager/Nominee/Record Owner's Name (if Different from Beneficial Owner Listed Above):

Account#/Fund# (Not Necessary for Individual Filers):

Social Security Number: 342-12-2706 or Taxpayer Identification Number: ___-_____

Telephone Number (Work): 312-310-9335 Telephone Number (Home): 312-310-9335

Email Address:

MAILING INFORMATION

Address: 435 SOMERSET COURT

Address:

City: ALGONQUIN State: IL Zip Code: 60102-____

Foreign Province: Foreign Zip Code: Foreign Country Name/Abbreviation:

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PART II. SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN MONTANA POWER COMMON STOCK

A. Number of shares of Montana Power common stock held at the close of trading on December 16, 1999:

(SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION)

B. Purchases of Montana Power common stock (December 17, 1999 – November 14, 2001, inclusive):

PURCHASES

	Trade Date(s) of Shares (List Chronologically) M M / D D / Y Y Y Y	Number of Shares Purchased	Total Purchase Price (Net of Commissions, Taxes and Fees) *Please round off to the nearest whole dollar*
1.	/ /		$ .00
2.	/ /		$ .00
3.	/ /		$ .00
4.	/ /		$ .00
5.	/ /		$ .00

C. Sales of Montana Power common stock (December 17, 1999 – February 12, 2002, inclusive):

SALES

	Trade Date(s) of Shares (List Chronologically) M M / D D / Y Y Y Y	Number of Shares Sold	Total Sales Price (Net of Commissions, Taxes and Fees) *Please round off to the nearest whole dollar*
1.	/ /		$ .00
2.	/ NO /	SALES	$ .00
3.	/ /		$ .00
4.	/ /		$ .00
5.	/ /		$ .00

D. Number of shares of Montana Power common stock held at the close of trading on November 14, 2001: 514

E. Number of shares of Montana Power common stock held at the close of trading on February 12, 2002: 514

If you require additional space, attach extra schedules in the same format as above. Sign and print your name on each additional page.

YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE ON PAGE 6 OF THIS FORM. FAILURE TO SIGN THE RELEASE MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN PROCESSING OR THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM.

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IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I (We) submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Montana, with respect to my (our) claim and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgments that may be entered in *In re Touch America Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *McGreevey, et al. v. Montana Power Company, et al.* I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if required to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases, holdings or sales of Montana Power common stock and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

V. RELEASE IN SECURITIES CASE

I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally and forever settle, release, relinquish and discharge all of the Released Claims against each and all of the Released Parties.

(a) "Released Claims" shall collectively mean any and all claims for relief (including "Unknown Claims" as defined below), demands, rights, liabilities, damages, sums of money, and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, whether based in law or equity, on federal, state, local, statutory or common law, or any other law, rule or regulation, known or unknown (collectively, "Claims"), that were asserted by the Securities Lead Plaintiff in the Securities Action, or could have been asserted by the Securities Lead Plaintiff in the Securities Action arising out of, based upon, or relating to the acquisition of Montana Power common stock during the Securities Settlement Class Period and the same or substantially the same facts, transactions, events, occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, omissions or failure to act that were alleged, or could have been alleged in the Securities Action (including third party claims against the Insurers and the Insurer Related Parties that arise out of, are based upon, or are related to claims being released hereby).

(b) "Released Parties" means the TA Securities Defendants and each and all of the Related Parties, and the Insurers and the Insurer Related Parties.

(c) "Insurers" means Associated Electric & Gas Insurance Services Limited, Federal Insurance Company and Twin City Fire Insurance Company.

(d) "Insurer Related Parties" means each of the Insurer's present, former and future parent companies, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, associates, representatives, predecessors, successors, heirs, owners, assigns, executors, administrators and each of its present, former, or future directors, agents, partners, principals, officers, employees, trustees, insurers and reinsurers, managers, representatives, or any of them, and each of its lawyers and all persons acting by, through, under or in with them or any of them.

(e) "TA Securities Defendants" means the Plan Trust of Touch America Holdings, Inc. as successor-in-interest to Touch America Holdings, Inc., f/k/a Montana Power Company, and Robert P. Gannon.

(f) "Related Parties" means each of the TA Securities Defendants' former and present partners, members, employees, principals, directors, officers, agents, accountants, attorneys, advisors, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, joint venturers, affiliates, and all of their respective predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, agents, and representatives, related or affiliated entitles, any entity in which any TA Securities Defendant has a controlling interest, any members of the Individual Securities Defendant's immediate family, or any trust of which any TA Securities Defendant is the settler or which is for the benefit of any TA Securities Defendant and/or members of his family.

(g) "Unknown Claims" means any and all settled claims which the Securities Lead Plaintiff or any Securities Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Parties, which if known by him, her or it might have affected his, her or its decision not to object to the Securities Settlement Agreement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, the Securities Lead Plaintiff shall expressly, and each Securities Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the judgment entered in the Securities Action shall have expressly waived any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or any other state, sovereign or jurisdiction, or principle of common law which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542 which provides:

> A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

The Securities Lead Plaintiff shall expressly and each of the Securities Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542. The Securities Lead Plaintiff and Securities Settlement Class Members may hereafter discovery facts in addition to or different from those which he, she or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter for the Released Claims, but the Securities Lead Plaintiff shall expressly and each Securities Settlement Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Securities Lead Plaintiff acknowledges, and the Securities Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the settlement of which this release is a part.

VI. RELEASE IN THE MCGREEVEY SHAREHOLDER CASE

I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally and forever settle, release, relinquish and discharge the Released Persons from the Plaintiff Released Claims.

(a) "Released Persons" means the Defendants, the D&O Insurance Carriers, and/or their respective direct or indirect subsidiaries, parent companies, affiliates, divisions, associates, representatives, predecessors, successors, heirs, owners, assigns, executors, administrators, and/or their respective present, former or future directors, agents, partners, principals, officers, employees, trustees, servants, attorneys, shareholders and/or representatives, and each of them.

(b) "Defendants" means Montana Power Company, Montana Power LLC, Robert P. Gannon, Jerrold P. Pederson, Michael J. Meldahl, Kay Foster, Carol Lehrkind, III Deborah D. McWhinney, Tucker Hart Adams, Alan F. Cain, John G. Connors, R.D. Corrette, John R. Jester, Michael E. Zimmerman, John D. Haffey, Noble E. Vosburg, PPL Montana, LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co., The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Westmoreland Coal Company, Westmoreland Mining LLC, BBI Power Corporation, CES Acquisition Corp., Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, NorthWestern Corporation, Clark Fork & Blackfoot LLC, and Touch America Holdings, Inc.

(c) "D&O Insurance Carriers" means Associated Electric & Gas Insurance Services Limited, Twin City Fire Insurance Company, and Federal Insurance Company.

(d) "Plaintiff Released Claims" means and includes any and all Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, that Named Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class or Class Members, and/or each of their respective divisions, agencies, instrumentalities, branches, subsidiaries, parent companies, affiliates, associates, representatives, predecessors, successors, heirs, owners, assigns, executors and/or administrators ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have against the Released Persons in the Actions arising out of or related in any way to any of the facts, matters, transactions, allegations or claims that are or could have been set forth in the Complaint and the complaint in the AEGIS Action.

The above releases shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the settlements and they become effective on the Effective Date.

VII. WARRANTY AND REPRESENTATION

1. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.

2. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) transactions in Montana Power common stock that took place between December 17, 1999 and November 14, 2001, as well as the number of shares held by me (us) at the close of trading on December 16, 1999, at the close of trading on November 14, 2001 and at the close of trading on February 12, 2002.

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I (WE) DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT ALL OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION SUPPLIED ON THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM BY THE UNDERSIGNED IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed this 15TH day of JUNE, 2010 in ALGONQUIN, IL 60102
(Month/Year) (City/State/Country)

X Thomas J. Lawson JR.
(Sign your name here)

THOMAS J. LAWSON, JR.
(Type or print your name here)

(SELF)
(Capacity of person(s) signing, *e.g.*, Beneficial Purchaser or Acquirer, Executor or Administrator)

X Thomas J. Lawson JR.
(Sign your name here)

~~ROBERT T. LAWSON~~ JR (ERRO ✓)
(Type or print your name here)

~~THOMAS J. LAWSON, FOR ROBERT T LAWSON (P.O.A.~~
(Capacity of person(s) signing, *e.g.*, Beneficial Purchaser or Acquirer, Executor or Administrator)

ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Reminder Checklist:

1. Please sign the above release and declaration.
2. Remember to attach supporting documentation, if available.
3. Do not send original stock certificates.
4. Keep a copy of your claim form and all supporting documentation for your records.
5. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your claim form please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
6. If you move, please send the Claims Administrator your new address.

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