

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of earliest event reported: **June 24, 2003**

TOUCH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-31237
(Commission
File Number)

81-0540231
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

130 North Main, Butte, Montana
(Address of principal executive offices)

59701-9332
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(406) 497-5100**

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Proposed Settlement Resolves All Outstanding Claims, Maintains Service Continuity for Customers

On June 24, 2003, Touch America Holdings, Inc. (Touch America) issued a press release regarding a settlement in principle with Qwest Communications International, Inc. to resolve all outstanding claims and maintain service continuity for customers. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99a.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

Exhibit

99a Press Release dated June 24, 2003, "Proposed Settlement Resolves All Outstanding Claims, Maintains Service Continuity for Customers."

SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Form 8-K may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements should be read with the cautionary statements and important factors included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, at Part I, "Warnings About Forward-Looking Statements" and in Item 2 "Warnings About Forward-Looking Statements" in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than statements of historical fact, including, without limitation, those that are identified by the use of the words "expects," "believes," "anticipates," and similar expressions.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

TOUCH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.
(Registrant)

By /s/ J.P. Pederson
J.P. Pederson
Vice Chairman and Chief
Financial Officer

Dated: June 24, 2003

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