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## *MEGA MILLIONS*® \$333 MILLION JACKPOT BRINGS IN HIGHEST-EVER ROLL-CYCLE SALES

**(AUSTIN)** – *Mega Millions*® sales in Texas for last Friday's \$333 million advertised jackpot were \$49.8 million for the prize's entire roll cycle, the highest sales ever in Texas.

"The roll cycle began on July 10 with a \$12 million starting jackpot and ended with a \$325 million advertised jackpot that, because of brisk sales, was bumped to \$333 million," said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. "This is the highest dollar value of sales for a *Mega Millions* jackpot roll cycle since *Mega Millions* sales began in Texas in December of 2003."

The second-highest sales total occurred in March of 2007. The \$370 million advertised jackpot created sales of \$47.9 million for the roll cycle.

"Four tickets each won the second-tier prize of \$250,000, and one of those was purchased with the Megaplier feature, which bumped the prize to \$1 million," Grief said. "That \$1 million ticket sold in Dickinson was redeemed this morning at our Houston Claim Center."

Tomorrow's *Mega Millions* jackpot starts over at an estimated \$12 million. Texas players currently have an opportunity to play for two other attractive jackpots.

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## (Texas Lottery Commission news release, continued)

Tonight's *Texas Two Step*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$1.2 million, and Wednesday's *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$45 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup>, please visit the official Web site at http://www.txlottery.org.

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