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Megaplier™ Pays Off For Two Texas Mega Millions™ Players, Tuesday's Jackpot An Estimated \$120 Million!

(Austin, April 11) - Three tickets sold for last Friday's *Mega Millions™* drawing matched five of five numbers, good for \$175,000, but two of those buyers also purchased the *Megaplier™* option, bringing the value of their tickets up to \$700,000! In the same drawing, seven tickets were sold that matched four of five numbers plus the Mega Ball, good enough for \$5,000 each. The buyer of one of those tickets also *Megaplied*, which raised the winning value to \$20,000! Overall, more than 64,000 winning tickets, worth over \$2 million, were sold in Texas.

"The *Mega Millions* excitement continues to build," said Reagan E. Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Congratulations to all of our players who are holding winning *Mega Millions* tickets."

Since no tickets matched all five numbers plus the Mega Ball in Friday's drawing, Tuesday night's *Mega Millions* jackpot will be worth an estimated \$120 million.

"The next jackpot will be the largest we've seen in the *Mega Millions* game since a \$112 million jackpot on March 1. Incidentally, the winning ticket for that drawing was purchased in Rowlett, Texas," said Greer. "I know Friday's jackpot and Wednesday's estimated \$39 million *Lotto Texas* jackpot are awfully tempting, but I want to remind all of our players that it only takes one ticket to win, so please remember to play responsibly!"

Mega Millions players choose five numbers from 1 to 52, and one Mega Ball number from a second field of numbers from 1 to 52. Each play costs a dollar. Players must match the five numbers plus the Mega Ball to win the jackpot, which starts at \$10 million and increases until it is won. For an extra dollar, the *Megaplier* option, available only in Texas, allows players to multiply their non-grand/jackpot prize winnings two, three or four times by matching one additional number.

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