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## **AGREEMENT MAY BRING *POWERBALL*® TO TEXAS**

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery Commission announced today that an agreement in principle has been reached between the *Mega Millions*® consortium and the Multi-State Lottery Association to allow for the sale of both *Mega Millions* and *Powerball*® tickets in all U.S. lottery jurisdictions. Texas is a member of *Mega Millions*, which is currently offered in 12 states. *Powerball* is currently available in 33 other lotteries (31 states plus the District of Columbia and U.S. Virgin Islands).

“This agreement is the result of several joint meetings that Texas has participated in to discuss the potential of selling both *Mega Millions* and *Powerball* in all U.S. lotteries,” said Texas Lottery Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “While we are pleased that an agreement has been reached, there is still much work to be done and any projection of additional revenue that Texas may realize from the sale of *Powerball* tickets would be premature at this time.”

“However, allowing state lotteries to sell both *Powerball* and *Mega Millions* will obviously create more winners and generate incremental growth in revenue for the good causes that lotteries are established to support, such as the Foundation School Fund here in Texas,” Grief said.

State law in Texas allows the Texas Lottery to join more than one multi-jurisdictional game.

No firm date has been set for the introduction of *Powerball* in Texas, although it is hoped that it could be in early 2010.

For more information, visit <http://megamillions.com> or <http://www.powerball.com>.

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