

Texas Lottery Commission Press Release - December 19, 2003

## ***Mega Millions*<sup>™</sup> Jackpot Could Reach Record Level In Texas' History**

(Austin, December 19) - The Texas Lottery Commission, along with the member states of *Mega Millions*<sup>™</sup>, announced today that if no tickets match tonight's *Mega Millions* drawing numbers, plus the Mega Ball, that the Tuesday, December 23, drawing will be worth an estimated \$100 million dollars.

"Texans could see the highest-ever lottery jackpot for the state, come Saturday morning," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "We promised players a game that would produce high level jackpots and be exciting. Not only did we reach that goal, we included a game feature that players told us they wanted - the Megaplier, a chance for players to increase their non-jackpot prizes."

Projections for the *Mega Millions*' jackpots to reach levels of \$100 million or more could occur approximately five times per year.

Tonight's *Mega Millions* drawing is worth an estimated \$85 million. It ties the current record for the highest-ever jackpot amount of *Lotto Texas*<sup>™</sup> in March 2001.

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