## Arkansas Lottery Offers New Way to Win \$1 Million: Play MegaMillions

Little Rock-- (November 29, 2010)—Mega Millions, the multi-state jackpot game on sale as part of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, is offering players another way to score a \$1 million prize.

Arkansas Mega Millions players who pay the extra \$1 for the Megaplier and also choose the five white-ball numbers drawn on a Tuesday or Friday night will win an automatic \$1 million.

This is a big change in the Mega Millions game. Previously, when players spent \$1 on a Mega Millions ticket matched with \$1 for the Megaplier feature, and then chose the correct five white ball numbers, they would win \$250,000 multiplied by the Megaplier of the day—that could be two, three, or four times the \$250,000. Under the new rules, the \$1,000,000 prize is automatic for a Mega Millions player who adds the Megaplier and matches the first five numbers drawn.

Powerball, Arkansas's other multi-state jackpot game with drawings on Wednesday and Saturday, has for years had a "Match 5" component which automatically awarded \$1,000,000 to any player who bought the ticket and the Powerball multiplier, called Power Play, and matched the first five numbers drawn.

Mega Millions and Powerball are multi-state games run by the member states. These games for years were sold only in their member states, but on January 31, 2010, they agreed to start cross-selling their tickets. Arkansas is a Powerball member state that now also sells Mega Millions tickets.

The two games are very similar in odds and payouts. Both feature \$1 tickets with \$1 multipliers (Megaplier and PowerPlay). The only major difference is the minimum grand prize—the jackpot. In Powerball, the smallest jackpot you can win is \$20,000,000; in Mega Millions, the smallest jackpot is \$12,000,000.

The current jackpots are \$52 million for Mega Millions and \$95 million for Powerball.

For more information: Julie Baldridge, <u>julie.baldridge@arkansas.gov</u>, 501-683-1877