

Vermont Lottery News Release

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Powerball Jackpot Jumps Again!

BERLIN, VT. – February 2, 2010 –The excitement generated by the addition of ten new states to the Powerball game has resulted in increased sales. The Powerball game’s estimated jackpot for Wednesday, February 3 has jumped by \$8 million to a new jackpot estimate of \$115 million annuitized. The new cash jackpot estimate is \$56.4 million.

Through an agreement between the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL) and the Mega Millions consortium, ten additional lotteries began selling Powerball on Sunday January 31, 2010. The new states are Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Virginia and Washington. A total of 43 lotteries are now selling Powerball and 35 are selling Mega Millions in the cross selling initiative.

With the recent jackpot win in the Mega Millions game, players are playing for a large jackpot with the Powerball game. Powerball is currently offering the largest jackpot prize in America.

Alan Yandow, Executive Director of the Vermont Lottery said, “When jackpots get this high, players have fun talking with their friends and families about what they would do if they won. Bringing the two big jackpot games to more states will make that fun last longer”.

Vermont players now also have the chance to purchase tickets for the Mega Millions game, and it’s large jackpot, in addition to playing Powerball.

“Vermont players can now play for big jackpots four times a week, with Mega Millions drawings on Tuesdays and Fridays and Powerball drawings on Wednesdays and Saturdays,” Yandow said

Vermont lottery games are sold at almost 700 locations throughout the state. For information on lottery games and on-line game draw results, please visit www.vtlottery.com. Lottery officials remind players to always play responsibly.

