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RE: Texas Lottery - Advertised TX 2 Step Jackpot Under-Advertised -

To Whom It May Concern:

The Texas Lottery is currently advertising the next Texas 2 Step jackpot at \$1.4 million. This is for the drawing to be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

As per the Texas 2 Step rule, the Texas Lottery "guarantees" the advertised amount irregardless of the amount in the prize pool for the jackpot winner. If there is not enough to fund, they cover it. At the same time, they assure players that they will never purposely under advertise a guaranteed prize.

The problem is - if someone were to win Thursday night - the winner would not receive the truest amount of what was set aside for a jackpot winner based on sales. This is because the Texas Lottery has grossly under-advertised this jackpot amount ... by a minimum of \$35K but most likely, \$50K.

I believe they have purposely under-advertised as a way of re-cooping some of their losses on this game. A winner(s) will clearly be cheated on this one.

Here are the facts behind this roll ...

After last nights drawing, the TLC has \$1,236,596 in the jackpot prize pool without adding monies from Thursday's drawings sales.

As per the jackpot estimation sheet posted on the TLC web site, the TLC projects draw sales for Thursday's drawing at \$899.5K to \$923.9K. I project sales at \$875K to \$925K +. The winner is entitled to a percentage of sales from this drawing too.

Amount They Would Pay Regardless of Sales - \$1,400,000

<u>IF</u> <u>Sales</u>	<u>Winners</u> <u>Share</u>	<u>Jackpot</u> <u>Prize Pool</u>	<u>+ Held in</u> <u>Reserve</u>
\$875K	\$199,325	\$1,435,921	\$17,500
\$900K	\$205,020	\$1,441,616	\$18,000
\$925K	\$210,715	\$1,447,311	\$18,500

As you can see, the TLC should have increased the next jackpot by a minimum of \$175K but more appropriately, it probably should have increased by \$200K. Yet It was only increased by \$150K. (From \$1,250,000 to \$1,400,000)

The TLC is suppose to be very conservative on their sales estimations - and they are for the most part. And I do believe they are really conservative on this drawing for a number of reasons ... ie ... a large jack-pot and a Thursday drawing.

Why are they cheating a potential winner from their rightful winnings by guaranteeing less than what they have allocated to pay a winner from “roll” sales? The variance is entirely to high to be considered “fair” and “truthful” for the players.

Texas needs pari-mutuel payouts for online games as this is the only way a lottery can guarantee that players receive their “REAL” share of sales - but - they refuse to do this. I think you can easily see why they want to “guarantee the amount they advertise” - they think no one will know any better and they can re-coop some of their losses on this game.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be appreciated. **The TLC can easily increase this jack-pot amount - it is NOT to late.** Consumers deserve a fair shake when it comes to calculating prize amounts for guaranteed prizes.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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cc: Texas Lottery Commission
Representative Kino Flores
Senator Jane Nelson
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