

WASHINGTON'S LOTTERY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 2023-01

ALEX BAE,

INITIAL ORDER

Claimant

Appearances:

Alex Bae, pro se

Washington's Lottery, by Kristi Weeks

Presiding Officer: Joshua Johnston, per designation of Director Marcus Glasper

ISSUE

Did the Washington's Lottery (the Lottery) properly decline to pay the prize claim submitted by Alex Bae on January 27, 2023?

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

This matter was decided pursuant to a brief adjudicative proceeding. WAC 315-20-125. No testimony was taken. The Director of the Lottery designated the undersigned to act as the Presiding Officer pursuant to WAC 315-20-125(2)(a).

Alex Bae submitted a request for administrative review of a prize claim denial. The undersigned issued a scheduling letter on February 7, 2023. Both parties were provided the opportunity to submit written materials, including arguments, documentation, evidence and declarations. Mr. Bae did not submit any written materials other than his initial request. Kristi

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ORIGINAL

1 Weeks timely submitted a Hearing Brief with two Exhibits on behalf of the Lottery. Both parties
2 had the opportunity to submit responsive materials.

3 The Presiding Officer considered the materials and exhibits submitted by the parties,
4 together with the preliminary record as defined in WAC 315-20-125(3)(a).
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6 I. FINDINGS OF FACT

7 1.1 On or about June 22, 2022, Mr. Bae purchased a Mega Millions draw game ticket.
8 The ticket contained ten "boards" (distinct plays containing distinct number combinations).

9 1.2 Mr. Bae's purchase included the "Megaplier" option, which multiplies all non-
10 jackpot wins by 2x to 10x, depending on the Megaplier selected for that drawing.
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12 1.3 The ticket purchased by Mr. Bae was for the Mega Millions drawing held on
13 Friday June 24, 2022.

14 1.4 Based on the results of the drawing, the ticket contained one board with a winning
15 combination of four numbers. The prize for that combination was \$500. Because the Megaplier
16 that was drawn was 2x, the value of the prize increased to \$1000.
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18 1.5 Mr. Bae presented the ticket to the Lottery for payment on January 27, 2023,
19 which was 217 days after the date of the drawing.

20 1.6 The Lottery declined to pay Mr. Bae's prize claim.

21 1.7 Mr. Bae timely filed a request for administrative review of the prize claim denial.
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23 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

24 2.1 The Director of the Lottery and the Presiding Officer, by delegated authority,
25 have jurisdiction over the subject of this proceeding. RCW 67.70.060.

26 2.2 In purchasing a lottery ticket, the purchaser agrees to comply with chapter 67.70
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1 RCW, Title 315 WAC, the final decisions of the Director, and all procedures established by the
2 director for the conduct of games. WAC 315-06-070.

3 2.3 In submitting an official Mega Millions ticket for validation, a claimant agrees to
4 abide by applicable laws, all rules and regulations, instructions, conditions, and final decision of
5 the Director of the Lottery. WAC 315-38-160(2).
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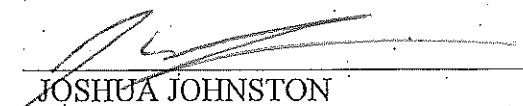
7 2.4 A Mega Millions prize claimed in Washington state must be claimed no later than
8 one hundred eighty days after the Mega Millions drawing for which the ticket was purchased.
9 WAC 315-38-180(2).
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11 III. ORDER

12 Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED:

13 Mr. Bae submitted his Mega Millions ticket to the Lottery for validation and payment
14 more than 180 days after the drawing for which the ticket was purchased. Therefore, the Lottery
15 correctly denied his claim as untimely.

16 Dated this 13 day of April, 2023
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21 JOSHUA JOHNSTON
22 Presiding Officer

23 NOTICE TO PARTIES

24 When signed by the Presiding Officer, this Order shall be considered an Initial Order.
25 Any party may file a written Petition for Administrative Review of this Initial Order. **A Petition
26 for Administrative Review must state the specific grounds upon which exception is taken**
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1 **and the relief requested.** A Petition for Administrative Review must be filed with the Director
2 within 21 days of service of the Initial Order. WAC 315-20-125(5).

3 The Petition for Administrative Review may be filed by personal delivery at:

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5 Director, Washington's Lottery
6 814 4th Avenue East
7 Olympia, WA 98504

8 Or by mail at:

9 Director, Washington's Lottery
10 PO Box 43000
11 Olympia, WA 98504-3000

12 A copy must be served on the opposing party at the time it is filed with the Director.

13 WAC 315-20-125(5). If the opposing party is represented by counsel, the copy must be sent to
14 the attorney

15 "Filed" means actual receipt of the document by the Lottery. RCW 34.05.010(6).

16 "Served" means the day the document was personally delivered or deposited in the United States
17 mail. RCW 34.05.010(19).

18 If Administrative Review is not timely requested as provided above, this Initial Order
19 becomes a Final Order and takes effect at 5:00 pm on May 8, 2023 (21 days after service of the
20 Initial Order). WAC 315-20-125(4).

21 Failure to timely file and serve a Petition for Administrative Review may result in the
22 inability to obtain judicial review due to failure to exhaust administrative remedies. RCW
23 34.05.534.
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25 Initial and Final Orders are public documents and may be released as required by the
26 Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW.
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