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Editor's Note: A telephone news conference call has been scheduled for 10 a.m. CST with Mr. Hayes. Media wishing to participate should call 1-888-208-1811 prior to 10 a.m. CST and provide the following confirmation number: 298590.

WESTERN RESOURCES MAKES OFFER FOR ADT
IN \$3.5 BILLION EXCHANGE OFFER

WESTERN RESOURCES WOULD BECOME #1
IN MONITORED SECURITY FOR HOMES, BUSINESSES

NEW YORK, New York, December 18, 1996 (7:30 a.m. EST) -- Western Resources (NYSE: WR), the Topeka-based energy and security services company, today announced an offer to acquire the outstanding common stock of ADT Limited, North America's largest monitored security services company.

Western Resources, the largest shareowner of ADT with approximately 27 percent of ADT outstanding shares, said it would offer \$22.50 in Western Resources stock and cash for each ADT common share. The offer consists of \$15.00 in Western Resources common stock* and \$7.50 cash. Under ADT's by-laws Western Resources is calling for a special meeting of ADT shareowners to replace the ADT board of directors in order to complete the transaction.

The offer was made in a letter, which is attached, to the ADT board of directors through Michael Ashcroft, ADT chairman. The offer is to be made directly to ADT shareowners through an exchange offer Western Resources intends to file shortly.

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Based on the closing price of ADT common shares on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, the offer represents a premium of 12 percent over ADT's market price. In addition, ADT shareowners would receive a per ADT share equivalent dividend of \$0.99 per year based on Western Resources' current annual indicated dividend rate of \$2.06 per share and its share price of \$31 1/4 at the close of business on December 17. ADT does not presently pay a dividend.

Earlier this week, Western Resources announced an agreement to acquire Westinghouse Security Systems. When joined with Western Resources' existing security subsidiary, Westar Security, the Westinghouse acquisition positions Westar Security as the third largest monitored security services provider in the United States.

"We have demonstrated our belief in ADT's future through our investment," said John E. Hayes, Jr., Western Resources chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "The benefits of this transaction are compelling, offering a natural extension of our respective businesses. The combination positions us both to add lifestyle convenience to a national and international consumer base."

Editor's note: B-roll footage is available for unrestricted broadcast usage on the following C-Band satellite feeds: Wednesday, Dec. 18 -- 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST, Galaxy 4, Tr. 11; 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST, Galaxy 4 Tr. 9; 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST, Galaxy 9 Tr. 22; 4 to 4:30 p.m. EST, Galaxy 9, Tr. 22. On Thursday, Dec. 19 -- 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST, Galaxy 9 Tr. 2; 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST, Galaxy 9, Tr. 22.

Western Resources (NYSE: WR) is a full-service, diversified energy company with total assets of more than \$6 billion. Its utilities, KPL and KGE, operating in Kansas and Oklahoma, provide electric and gas service to approximately 1.2 million customers. Through its unregulated subsidiaries, Westar Energy, Westar Security, Westar Capital, and The Wing Group, a full range of energy, security and related products and services are developed and marketed in the continental U.S. and offshore.

Westar Security, with Westinghouse Security Systems, will be the third largest provider of security services in the United States with more than 400,000 customers and branch offices in 50 cities.

For more information about Western Resources and its operating companies, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.wstnres.com>.

*Assuming the Western Resources average stock price prior to closing is above \$29.75 per share.