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**ASHTON-TATE CLARIFIES UPGRADE POLICY
FOR dBASE IV 1.1 SERVER EDITION**

TORRANCE, Calif., December 14, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced its upgrade policy for its dBASE IV 1.1 Server Edition, effective immediately.

For users who purchase dBASE IV 1.0 on or before January 31, 1990, dBASE IV 1.1 Server Edition (when released) will be available for the cost of shipping and handling charges only. For purchasers of dBASE IV 1.0 after January 31, 1990, the Server Edition will be available to registered users for a normal upgrade fee.

No ship date for dBASE IV 1.1 Server Edition has been announced.

dBASE IV 1.1 Server Edition is a relational database developed for use with the Ashton-Tate/Microsoft SQL Server in local area network environments. Designed for 286- and 386-based systems, this software will permit multiple personal computer

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users to access and manipulate data across client/server-based LANs through the dBASE environment.

Headquartered in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate Corporation markets microcomputer business applications software for DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh operating systems. Products are available in five major categories: database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support software, spreadsheets and graphics.

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