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about March 19, 2003:

RICHARD (ROCKET) APPEL

DRA

A REQUEST FOR YOUR SUPPORT

My name is Richard (Rocket) Appel and I am a candidate for the CLASS B-2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEAT at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange this April 2003.

I wish to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who I have not worked with or who do not know who I am and what I feel are the important issues today and tomorrow at the CME.

CURRENT EVENTS:

While the last two years have been productive with large increase in volume, most of us who have been here for more than two years know that economies, markets and business structures change; and not always for the best.

A PRIORITY FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. WE NEED THE CME TO AID IN THE EXPANSION OF OUR CUSTOMER AND PRODUCT BASE. IN OTHER WORDS-WE NEED TO BUILD NEW BUSINESS FOR OUR EXCHANGE.

The marketing of the CME through our FCM's, direct customer calls, and directed advertisement will help to maintain and expand our customer base and hold our market share from decreasing to outside competitive exchanges who only offer electronic platform trading through the premise of lower cost trading. Eagle and Globex side by side trading will enable our customers to choose their most efficient access to our liquid markets; and advantage that "electronic only" markets cannot provide.

2. WE NEED TO HAVE ON-GOING REVIEW OF OUR FLOOR CONFIGURATION AND USAGE.

We have heard rumors in the past that some members of our broker community always resist change as a function solely for self interest. I can only say that if this were wholly true, there would be fewer new brokers and potentially some locals who would not have the positions they have today.

The floor community I know has always been adaptive and resourceful in its responsibility to change as long as there is merit to the changes and the benefits are open to the majority of the participants. The problem seems to be that there is not enough direct communication between staff and floor to focus on areas of concern and as for suggestions or resolution.

We have a lot of talented people on the floor and they should be advised and kept abreast of any major changes. They too are members and owners of the new CME.

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