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Dear Moreno Valley Utility (MVU) Customer:

As your electricity provider, MVU wants to inform you of a bill that you may receive from Southern California Edison (Edison). Edison has received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to collect what they call "New Municipal Departing Load" (NMDL) charges from MVU customers. This affects residential and business MVU customers. If you have received this letter, you may be billed by Edison for this charge.

MVU believes the charge is inappropriate.

The Commission deems you to be NMDL...

Edison lobbied the Commission to impose NMDL charges on you despite the fact that your service address has never received electric service from Edison. Edison argued that it should be able to charge you for costs it claims it has incurred in the past *in anticipation of* providing you electric service, even if you never received or asked for any service from Edison. The Commission ruled that Edison can collect these charges from the customers of the new city utility, despite the fact that the Commission has no legal authority over city utilities.

The City does not agree with Edison nor the Commission...

MVU does not agree with the imposition of these charges. MVU customers have never received any services from Edison at their current addresses. In fact, MVU (and other municipal utilities throughout the state) strongly objected to this premise and argued against it. Municipal electric providers, like MVU, tried to protect their customers by taking this matter to the Supreme Court of California.

The Supreme Court refused to hear the case. However, the municipal electric providers were not able to raise all legal issues that might be raised by a *customer* actually being assessed the charges. Some attorneys believe that the courts may rule against Edison if the NMDL charges were challenged by affected non-Edison customers such as you.

MVU has done what it can to protect you...

Edison has requested customer information from MVU to allow them to calculate how much they believe you owe them for NMDL. By law, such information is confidential and MVU has refused to provide it. Edison has also requested that MVU collect the NMDL charges from you for them, instead of allowing you the opportunity to challenge their authority to bill you for services not provided by them. Again, MVU has refused to bill you for the Edison charges.

Expect a Notice from Edison...

Edison plans to start billing NMDL. You can expect to receive notice by certified mail from Edison informing you that you are responsible for NMDL charges, and seeking specific information from you regarding your electric service. In addition to ongoing charges, Edison has stated that they will also be attempting to collect charges retroactively to July 10, 2003, or the date that you began service from MVU, whichever is later.

What you can do...

MVU understands that you must have questions and concerns regarding the charges and bills that you may receive from Edison, a service provider which has never provided you with service. **We urge you to consult your own attorney for legal advice regarding these charges.** Should you desire further information, or to lodge complaints about Edison's and the Commission's actions, we are attaching contact information for your convenience.

Sincerely,



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