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**SIERRA PACIFIC FOUNDATION
GRANTS OVER \$630,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

Anderson, CA – The Sierra Pacific Foundation, the philanthropic organization founded by the Emmerson Family, recently marked its thirty-sixth year in granting scholarships to dependent children of Sierra Pacific Industries’ employees.

This year, an amount in excess of \$630,000 has been awarded to 247 students as they attend colleges, universities and trade schools during the 2015-2016 school year. Qualified recipients are eligible for the scholarship for four years and are sometimes granted a fifth year based on their school and their degree program.

“We believe that by helping these outstanding young people pursue their dreams and become tomorrow’s leaders, we are investing in the future. Our family is very proud of this program,” said Carolyn Emmerson Dietz, Foundation President.

The Sierra Pacific Foundation was founded in 1979 and to date has donated over \$5 million dollars in scholarships. In addition to scholarships, the Foundation contributes to youth activities and other organizations in the communities where Sierra Pacific Industries operates. Sierra Pacific Foundation is the main contributor for the Ida Emmerson Hospice House that is being built in Eureka, California with a total contribution of \$500,000 and has also made a \$1 million contribution over five years to the One Safe Place shelter for victims of abuse in Redding, California.

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