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## News Release

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### **Power Outage Causes Minimal Disruption at Pueblo County Jail**

**Pueblo, CO:** A power outage Tuesday evening in Downtown Pueblo caused minimal disruption to operations at the Pueblo County Jail. The building's redundant backup generator was activated and continued to provide power to the jail, which kept the lights, doors and security systems properly functioning.

The power outage occurred about 6:50 p.m. Tuesday after a transformer blew, affecting the jail and nearby Pueblo County Department of Human Services Building. Crews from Black Hills Energy and Pueblo County Facilities determined the outage was caused due to a total failure of the main transformer for the jail and the DHS buildings.

Black Hills Energy crews installed a replacement transformer and power was restored by 1 a.m. this morning. There were no injuries or incidents reported during the outage.

"While the power outage did affect operations within the Pueblo County Jail, limiting some functionality, our redundant backup generator worked flawlessly to ensure minimal interruption to operations," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "I'm very thankful to the Black Hills Energy crew that worked diligently and tirelessly to identify the problem and restore power for our staff and those confined in the Pueblo County Jail."

"This was a great example of our community partners working with our staff to ensure power was promptly and fully restored," Lucero said.

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