

Debris causes major Las Vegas power outage

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LAS VEGAS -- Debris at a local substation knocked out power to Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport and for 15,000 local residents for about an hour. A Nevada Power Co. spokesman said it took workers 55 minutes to restore power Wednesday, The Las Vegas Review-Journal said Thursday. They said the outage was caused by debris blowing into the substation. Officials at the international airport, which was used by more than 46 million people in 2006, were forced to manually check-in and board passengers during the power outage. The power cut forced internal trains to halt, cut the air conditioning, and prevented electrically operated ramp bridges to aircraft from functioning, halting incoming and outgoing flights. Clark County Aviation Director Randall Walker told the Review-Journal that he had begun talks with Nevada Power about building a second substation in the area. That substation would allow the airport to continue with full power should a similar situation ever occur again.

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