



National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety – Central Region

Interview Summary: Patricia Rosario, Pilot's Spouse – CEN19FA078

Date: February 3, 2019

Location: Hangar at West Houston Airport

Interviewer: Courtney Liedler, NTSB - Denver

Interviewee: Patricia Rosario

During the Interview, Ms. Rosario stated the following:

According to the pilot's spouse, the flight originated in Rohnerville Airport (FOT), Fortuna, California the day prior, January 30, 2019. The couple departed from Ferndale California area and made a stop for fuel in Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport (IFP), Bullhead City, Arizona. On final approach into IFP, the spouse reported they received a low battery indication. They landed uneventfully and taxied to the ramp area to re-fuel. When they re-started the airplane for departure, the voltage indicator returned to 14.9volts and everything appeared normal. They decided to take off and continue to El Paso, Texas. As they approached El Paso International Airport (ELP), about 10-15 miles out on final, the entire instrument panel went dark and the Garmin shut down. The spouse explained they used flashlights to see the instruments and the pilot reported to air traffic they had power issues. ELP air traffic cleared the runway for them and they landed uneventfully. They decided to stay the night in El Paso, TX. While at dinner, they were discussing the power issue and she said they believed it to be an alternator problem. They made the decision that the spouse would fly home commercially, because she needed to return to work and the pilot "did not want her to go down [with the pilot] if something went wrong" during the return flight from ELP to IWS. The spouse reported she left the pilot the next morning at 530 to make the commercial flight.