

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
POST WILLIAM J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP [PNW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4235 E. CLAREMONT AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2009 | | M | | 85,750 | A | \$ 32.29 |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2009 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 79,201 | D | \$ 37.72 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,428 |
| | | | | | | I | by 401(k) |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.29 | 12/14/2009 | | M | 85,750 | <u>(2)</u> 08/02/2010 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 85,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| POST WILLIAM J 4235 E. CLAREMONT AVENUE PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Diane Wood,
Attorney-in-Fact 12/16/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) An approximate number of shares were sold solely for the purpose of meeting tax withholding and option exercise requirements and to satisfy broker commissions. Mr. Post retained all other shares received upon the noted option exercises.
- (2) The options became exercisable one-third of the grant per year commencing on March 18, 2004.

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