

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP

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FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all Applicable)	
Post	William	J	Pinnacle West Capital Corp (PNW)		Director	10% Owner
(Last)	(First)	(MI)	3. IRS or Soc. Sec. No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year 12/31/1996	Officer	Other
P.O. Box 52132					---(give title below) --- (Specify below)	
(Street)			527-86-3804	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
Phoenix	AZ	85072			X Form filed by One Reporting Person --- Form filed by More than One --- Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

TABLE I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Yr)	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Own. Form (D) or (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/20/1996	A (01)	3400	A	\$.0000 (01)			
Common Stock	12/16/1996	F (02)	706	D	\$30.4375	24735	D	
Common Stock	(03)	B	266	A	\$.0000 (03)	2729	I ESP Trust	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class securities owned directly or indirectly.
*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Own. Form or Ind. (I)	11. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	(D)	Date Exbl.	Exp. Date					
Employee Stock Option	\$31.4400	11/20 1996	A	17000		11/20 2006	(04)	Common Stock	17000	17000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (01) Award of restricted stock pursuant to Company Long-Term Incentive Plan. Includes tandem right to withhold shares to satisfy tax liability.
- (02) Exercise of rights to withhold shares to satisfy tax liability upon distribution of restricted stock.
- (03) Shares acquired between 1/1/96 and 12/31/96 under the company's employee savings plan at prices ranging from \$26.50 to \$31.75 per share. Totals as of 12/31/96.
- (04) The option becomes exercisable at 1/3 of grant per year commencing on 1st anniversary date. The option includes the tandem right to withhold shares to satisfy the exercise price and/or tax liability.

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). /s/William J. Post 02/03/1997
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 Post, William Pinnacle West Capital Corp 12/31/1996 PAGE: 2 OF 2

