

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP

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FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 15, 2010

<u>Commission File Number</u>	<u>Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter; State of Incorporation; Address and Telephone Number</u>	<u>IRS Employer Identification Number</u>
1-8962	Pinnacle West Capital Corporation (an Arizona corporation) 400 North Fifth Street, P.O. Box 53999 Phoenix, AZ 85072-3999 (602) 250-1000	86-0512431
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”) Approves Decoupling Policy Statement

As previously disclosed in the Pinnacle West Capital Corporation/Arizona Public Service Company (“APS”) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, in October 2010 the Chairman of the ACC issued a draft decoupling policy statement for consideration by the commission. On December 15, 2010, the ACC unanimously approved a slightly modified decoupling policy statement supportive of using a revenue-per-customer methodology, which is the mechanism APS and a number of other parties also support. Decoupling refers to a ratemaking design which reduces or removes the linkage between sales and utility revenues and/or profits, reducing utility disincentives to the adoption of programs that benefit customers by saving energy. Mechanically, decoupling compares actual versus authorized revenues or revenue per customer over a period and either credits or collects any differences from customers in a subsequent period. The policy permits regulated utilities to file a decoupling proposal in their next general rate case. APS intends to include a decoupling model consistent with the policy statement for consideration in its upcoming general rate case, currently expected to be filed in mid-2011.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Dated: December 16, 2010

By: /s/ James R. Hatfield
James R. Hatfield
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
(Registrant)

Dated: December 16, 2010

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