

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 04, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**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): May 4, 2009**

| Commission<br>File Number | Exact Name of Registrant as Specified<br>in Charter; State of Incorporation;<br>Address and Telephone Number  | IRS Employer<br>Identification Number |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1-8962                    | Pinnacle West Capital Corporation<br>(an Arizona corporation)<br>400 North Fifth Street, P.O. Box 53999<br>Phoenix, AZ 85072-3999<br>(602) 250-1000 | 86-0512431                            |
| 1-4473                    | Arizona Public Service Company<br>(an Arizona corporation)<br>400 North Fifth Street, P.O. Box 53999<br>Phoenix, AZ 85072-3999<br>(602) 250-1000    | 86-0011170                            |

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This combined Form 8-K is separately filed by Pinnacle West Capital Corporation and Arizona Public Service Company. Each registrant is filing on its own behalf all of the information contained in this Form 8-K that relates to such registrant and, where required, its subsidiaries. Except as stated in the preceding sentence, neither registrant is filing any information that does not relate to such registrant, and therefore makes no representation as to any such information.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

In connection with a review of its executive compensation practices, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation (the Company ) has determined that, on a going forward basis, it will no longer provide excise tax gross-up payments in new and materially amended agreements with its named executive officers. In unusual circumstances where the Company believes that accommodations have to be made to recruit a new executive to the Company, limited reimbursement for taxes payable may be included in executives' contracts; but even in those circumstances, the excise tax gross-ups will be limited to payments triggered by both a change in control and termination of employment and will be subject to a three-year sunset provision.

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: May 4, 2009

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

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
(Registrant)

Dated: May 4, 2009

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