ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE CO Form 8-K December 12, 2011

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): December 9, 2011

Commission File Number

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter; State of Incorporation; Address and Telephone Number

IRS Employer Identification Number

1-8962

Pinnacle West Capital Corporation

86-0512431

(an Arizona corporation)

400 North Fifth Street, P.O. Box 53999

Phoenix, AZ 85072-3999

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Arizona Public Service Company

86-0011170

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Retail Rate Case Preliminary Settlement Term Sheet

On December 9, 2011, the Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) filed with the ACC a preliminary settlement term sheet with respect to Arizona Public Service Company s (APS) pending general retail rate case. The term sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. APS and the Staff support the framework set forth in the term sheet, and a majority of the other parties to the rate case are expected to support the proposed settlement terms. The term sheet is expected to be the subject of an open meeting with the ACC, in which Staff will seek input and direction from the ACC regarding the proposed settlement. The open meeting could occur as soon as December 16, 2011. APS cannot predict whether any definitive settlement will ultimately be filed with or approved by the ACC.

For details regarding APS s requests in the retail rate case, see Note 3 to the Pinnacle West Capital Corporation (Pinnacle West)/APS Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits (d)

Exhibit

Registrant(s) Description No.

99.1 Pinnacle West APS Preliminary Settlement Term Sheet related to APS s general retail rate case, filed with the ACC on December 9, 2011

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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 9, 2011 By: /s/ James R. Hatfield

James R. Hatfield

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

(Registrant)

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