PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP

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For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016

OR

oTRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

to

For the transition period from

Commission file number 1-8962

The Pinnacle West Capital Corporation Savings Plan (Full title of the plan)

Pinnacle West Capital Corporation (Name of issuer)

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NOTE: Supplemental schedules required by section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, other than the schedule listed above, are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Investment Management Committee and Benefit Administration Committee of The Pinnacle West Capital Corporation Savings Plan Phoenix, Arizona

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The Pinnacle West Capital Corporation Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental schedule reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedule. In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Phoenix, Arizona June 16, 2017

# THE PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
ASSETS:		
Participant-directed Investments at fair value (Notes 2 and 5)	\$919,357,736	\$869,023,727
Participant-directed Investments at contract value (Notes 2 and 4)	148,637,923	144,365,278
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants (Note 1)	23,969,605	24,650,322
Participant contributions	2,469,788	1,920,322
Employer contributions	789,440	598,657
Interest and other	1,990,394	420,426
Total receivables	29,219,227	27,589,727
Total assets	1,097,214,886	1,040,978,732
LIABILITIES:		
Payable for securities purchased	196,125	31,522
Accrued administrative expenses	273,562	321,536
Total liabilities	469,687	353,058
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$1,096,745,199	\$1,040,625,674

See notes to financial statements.

# THE PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

## ADDITIONS:

Contributions (Note 1	):
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Participants	\$55,513,734
Employer	20,399,396
Rollover	3,138,061
Total contributions	79,051,191

## Investment income (Note 2):

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Dividend, interest, and other income	10,696,606
Net realized/unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments	72,621,199
Total investment income	83,317,805

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 1,016,261

Total additions 163,385,257

## **DEDUCTIONS:**

Distributions to participants	104,887,390
Administrative expenses (Note 2)	2,378,342
Total deductions	107,265,732

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS 56,119,525

## NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year	1,040,625,674
End of year	\$1,096,745,199

See notes to financial statements.

## THE PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of The Pinnacle West Capital Corporation Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Pinnacle West Capital Corporation ("Pinnacle West" or the "Company"). The Plan is administered by two committees, the Benefit Administration Committee and the Investment Management Committee, appointed by the Pinnacle West Board of Directors (together, the "Committee"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Trustee and recordkeeper for the Plan is Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Trustee").

The Trustee is the appointed investment manager of the Pinnacle West Stock Fund, which is an investment option in the Plan. As the appointed investment manager of this option, the Trustee (1) manages the liquidity of the Pinnacle West Stock Fund and (2) accepts direction regarding the voting of shares held in the Pinnacle West Stock Fund for which no proxies are received. The portion of the Plan invested in the Pinnacle West Stock Fund is an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. To the extent set forth by the terms of the Plan, participants may exercise voting rights by providing instructions to the Trustee related to the number of whole shares of stock represented by the units of the Pinnacle West Stock Fund allocated to their accounts. The Investment Management Committee directs the Trustee on voting proxies received for shares of Pinnacle West common stock on routine matters (for those shares for which the Trustee does not receive participant directions).

#### Eligibility

Generally, as defined by the Plan, most active employees of Pinnacle West and its subsidiaries, including Arizona Public Service Company, El Dorado Investment Company and Bright Canyon Energy Corporation (collectively, the "Employer"), are eligible to participate in (1) the pretax, Roth 401(k), and after-tax features of the Plan immediately upon employment or, if later, their attainment of age 18 and (2) the matching feature on the first day of the month coincident with or following their attainment of age 18 and completion of six months of service.

#### Contributions

The Plan allows participants to contribute up to 50% of their base pay as pretax contributions, Roth 401(k) contributions or after-tax contributions, provided that in no event can the combined total contributions made by any participant in any year exceed 50% of their base pay, or the limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. Eligible employees who do not affirmatively elect to participate or opt out of the Plan are automatically enrolled as soon as administratively possible after 60 days of employment. Employees automatically enrolled contribute 3% of their base pay as pretax contributions. The Plan also allows participants attaining the age of 50 before the end of the calendar year to make catch-up contributions in accordance with Section 414(v) of the Internal Revenue Code. The maximum allowable pretax contribution

(\$18,000 for 2016) and catch—up contribution (\$6,000 for 2016) may increase in future years as determined annually by the Internal Revenue Service. Participants may elect to set their pretax contributions to increase automatically on an annual basis based on the percent increase and effective date designated by the participant, up to the maximum limits permitted under the Plan and the Internal Revenue Code.

Employer contributions are fixed at 75% of the first 6% of base pay for combined pretax and/or Roth 401(k) participant contributions (excluding catch-up contributions) for all participants other than employees hired prior to January 1, 2003 and who elected not to participate in the Retirement Account Balance feature of the Pinnacle West Capital Corporation Retirement Plan. Participants hired prior to January 1, 2003, and who elected not to participate in the Retirement Account Balance feature, receive an Employer match of 50% of the first 6% of base pay contributed, in combination, as pretax and/or Roth 401(k) participant contributions (excluding catch-up contributions).

Employer contributions are invested in the same investment funds as participants elect for their participant contributions. Noncash contributions, if any, are recorded at fair value. There was no noncash contribution for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The Plan allows rollover contributions from other eligible retirement plans, including 401(k) or other qualified plans (including after-tax dollars), governmental 457(b) plans, Roth 401(k) accounts, 403(b) annuities (including after-tax dollars), or IRAs (excluding after-tax dollars), subject to certain criteria. Rollover contributions are not eligible for employer match.

Participants may elect to receive dividends on Pinnacle West stock in their account in the form of cash. If a participant does not elect to receive the dividend in the form of cash prior to the dividend payable date for that dividend, it is automatically reinvested in the Pinnacle West Stock Fund.

#### Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Allocations of earnings and losses are based on participant account balances. Each participant has separate accounts that are credited with the participant's pretax, Roth 401(k), after-tax contributions, rollover contributions (if any), in-plan Roth conversions (if any), the Employer's matching contributions and an allocation of Plan earnings. Each participant's account is charged with withdrawals, an allocation of Plan losses and explicit recordkeeping and administrative fees (See Note 2). A dollar amount is deducted quarterly from each participant's account for the explicit recordkeeping and administrative fees. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the portion of the participant's account that has vested, as defined below.

## **Investment Choices**

Participants direct all contributions into one or more of the following (collectively, the "Funds"):

- •Age-based investment options ("Target Retirement Date Funds")\* that include:
- •Retirement Income Fund
- •Target Retirement 2015 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2020 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2025 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2030 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2035 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2040 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2045 Fund

- Target Retirement 2050 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2055 Fund
- •Target Retirement 2060 Fund
- •Core investment options that include:
- •Stable Value Fund\*
- •US Bond Index
- •Bond Fund\*
- •Diversified Inflation Fund
- •US Large Cap Stock Index
- •US Large Cap Stock Fund\*
- •US Small/Mid Cap Stock Index
- •US Small/Mid Cap Stock Fund\*
- •Non-US Stock Index
- •Non-US Stock Fund
- •Pinnacle West Stock Fund\*

The Plan provides that in lieu of making their own investment elections in the funds, participants may (a) choose to have an investment allocation set for them through the Plan's personal asset manager program, which provides a personalized mix of the Plan's Core investment options; (b) allow their balance to be invested in the Qualified Default Investment Alternative ("QDIA") which is the family of Target Retirement Date Funds (separately managed accounts) that are composed of the Core investment options; (c) establish a self-directed brokerage account ("SDA") to invest up to 90% of their vested account balance in permitted investments of the SDA (which excludes the Funds); or (d) elect to have their investment mix of Funds automatically rebalanced according to their investment elections on a quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. During 2016, the Target Retirement 2010 fund transitioned to the Retirement Income Fund and was removed from the Plan.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow money from their pretax contributions account, Roth 401(k) contributions account, vested Employer contributions account, rollover contributions account (if any), and in-plan Roth conversions (if any). Participants may not borrow against their Employer transfer account or their after-tax contributions account.

The minimum participant loan allowed is \$1,000. The maximum participant loan allowed is 50% of the participant's vested account balance, up to \$50,000 reduced by the participant's highest outstanding loan balance in the 12-month period ending on the day before the loan is made. Only one loan per participant may be outstanding at any one time. Loan terms are up to five years or up to 15 years for the purchase of the participant's principal residence. An administrative fee is charged to the participant's account for each loan. Participants with an outstanding loan may continue to make loan repayments upon termination of employment with the Employer, unless they receive a full distribution of their account balance.

The interest rate for a participant loan is determined at the time the loan is requested and is fixed for the life of the loan. The interest rate will be at least as great as the interest rate charged by the Trustee to its individual clients for an unsecured loan on the date the loan is made. The Trustee currently charges interest at the prime interest rate plus one percent, determined as of the first business day of the month in which the loan is issued. The interest rate for loans issued during 2016 was 4.50%. Interest rates for outstanding loans as of

<sup>\*</sup> Separately managed accounts, specific to this Plan only.

December 31, 2016 and 2015, ranged from 4.25% to 10.50%. As of December 31, 2016, participant loans have maturities through 2031.

Loans are treated as an investment of the participant's accounts. To fund the loan, transfers are made from the participant's investment funds on a pro-rata basis. Amounts credited to a participant's SDA are not available for a loan. Loan repayments are invested in the participant's investment funds based on the participant's current investment election or in the QDIA, if the participant does not have a current investment election in place. Loan repayments, including interest, are generally made through irrevocable payroll deductions. Loan repayments for former participants are made through the automated clearing house system. Loans are secured by the participant's account balance.

#### Vesting

Each participant is automatically fully vested in the participant's pretax contributions account, Roth 401(k) contributions account, after-tax contributions account, rollover contributions account (if any), in-plan Roth conversions (if any) (consisting of the participant's contributions and related income and appreciation or depreciation), Employer transfer account, and Employer contributions account (consisting of Employer contributions and related income and appreciation or depreciation). Former participants who terminated employment prior to April 1, 2006 were fully vested in their Employer contributions account if their termination was due to death or disability, was after attaining age 65, or was after completing five years of participation in the Plan. Former participants who terminated prior to April 1, 2006 and returned to service after that date could complete the five year requirement by no later than March 31, 2016, based on a graduated vesting schedule with 100% vesting after five years of service.

#### Withdrawals and Distributions

A participant may at any time make a full or partial withdrawal of the balance in the participant's after-tax contributions account, rollover contributions account (if any), and in-plan Roth conversions (if any). No withdrawals prior to termination of employment are permitted from a participant's Employer transfer account. No withdrawals prior to termination of employment are permitted from the participant's pretax contributions account and Roth 401(k) contributions account, except under certain limited circumstances relating to financial hardship or after attaining age 59-1/2. If an employee withdraws pretax or Roth 401(k) contributions due to financial hardship, the only earnings on pretax contributions that can be withdrawn are those credited prior to January 1, 1989, and no earnings on Roth 401(k) contributions can be withdrawn. Employees taking a financial hardship are subsequently suspended from making contributions to the Plan for six months. Participants who have participated in the Plan for five complete Plan years may withdraw the amount in their Employer contributions account. Participants who are at least age 59-1/2 may withdraw any portion of their pretax contributions account, Roth 401(k) contributions account, rollover contributions account (if any), or in-plan Roth conversions (if any) while employed with no restrictions on the reason for withdrawal. For all withdrawals and distributions, penalties may apply. Amounts credited to a participant's SDA are not available for a withdrawal until transferred back into the Funds. When the participant's employment with the Employer is terminated, the participant can elect to receive a full or partial distribution, as soon as administratively possible, of the vested portion of their Employer contributions account together with the participant's contributions accounts and Employer transfer account.

#### **Forfeitures**

For former participants who terminated employment prior to April 1, 2006, forfeitures of non-vested Employer contributions occurred upon the earlier of full distribution following termination of employment with the Employer or the end of the fifth calendar year following the calendar year in which the participant

terminated employment. If a former participant who received a distribution and terminated service prior to full vesting at March 31, 2011, and retained non-vested funds in the plan, becomes re-employed prior to the end of the fifth calendar year following the calendar year in which the participant's earlier termination of employment occurred, the forfeited Employer contributions will be restored to the participant's Employer contribution account and they will earn additional service and be subject to the graduated vesting on these funds. Forfeitures will be restored only if the participant repays the full amount previously distributed to them within five years of their date of re-employment or, if earlier, the last day of the fifth calendar year following the calendar year in which the distribution occurred. As of March 31, 2016, all forfeitures were either fully vested or used to reduce future Employer contributions to the Plan.

#### Termination of the Plan

It is the Company's present expectation that the Plan and the payment of Employer contributions will be continued indefinitely. However, continuance of any feature of the Plan is not assumed as a contractual obligation. The Company, at its discretion, may terminate the Plan and distribute net assets, subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code, or discontinue contributions. In this event, the balance credited to the accounts of participants at the date of termination or discontinuance will be fully vested and nonforfeitable.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds, common and collective trusts, stocks, bonds, and a stable value fund. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is possible that changes in the value of investment securities may occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

#### **Investment Valuation**

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value), less costs to sell, if those costs are significant. Fair value is the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or the amount paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for fair value measurements and disclosures of the Plan's investments reported at fair value.

The Plan's investment options include a separately managed account, which owns shares of Pinnacle West common stock, and together with a small portion of cash maintained for liquidity purposes, is recorded on a unit basis. Pinnacle West's common shares are traded on the NYSE and are valued at the NYSE closing price on the last business day of the plan year. (See Note 5). The valuation per share of Pinnacle West's common stock was \$78.03 and \$64.48 at December 31, 2016 and 2015 respectively. The valuation per unit of the Pinnacle West stock fund was \$19.27 and \$15.98 at December 31, 2016 and 2015 respectively.

Included in investments at December 31, 2016 and 2015, are shares of Pinnacle West common stock amounting to \$97,241,220 and \$87,359,438, respectively. This investment represents 9% of total investments at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. A significant decline in the market value of the stock could have an effect on the net assets available for benefits.

Fully benefit-responsive synthetic guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs"), which are among the investments held in the Stable Value Fund option, are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because it is the amount Plan participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits presents GICs on a contract value basis. (See Note 4).

## Income Recognition

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded as of the trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded as of the ex-dividend date.

#### Administrative Expenses

Participants pay a quarterly Plan recordkeeping fee. Participants may also pay administrative fees for the origination of a loan or for other services provided by the Trustee. Participants pay investment, sales, recordkeeping, income taxes and administrative expenses charged by the Funds, if any, which are deducted from income and reflected as a reduction of investment return for the Fund. Pinnacle West pays the remaining Plan administrative expenses, such as legal and trustee expenses of the Plan.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected in the financial statements. Consequently, management fees are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

#### Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the Plan.

## Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but have not yet been paid.

# **Excess Contributions Payable**

The Plan is required to return contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the Internal Revenue Code limits.

## Net Appreciation/Depreciation

Net appreciation/depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold during the year as well as unrealized gains and losses related to investments held at year end.

#### 3. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Plan management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by the IRS, however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Plan management believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2013.

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 19, 2013, that the Plan was designed in accordance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company and the Plan's management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

# 4. INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

The Plan's Stable Value Fund includes fully benefit-responsive synthethic guaranteed investment contracts. A synthetic GIC is an investment contract issued by an insurance company or other financial institution ("Wrap Agreement"), backed by a portfolio of bonds, mortgages, or other fixed income instruments. The realized and unrealized gains and losses on the underlying assets are not reflected immediately in the value of the contract, but rather are amortized, usually over the time to maturity or the duration of the underlying investments, through adjustments to the future interest crediting rate. Formulas are provided in each contract that adjust the interest crediting rate to recognize the difference between the fair value and the book value of the underlying assets. The contract provides for an interest crediting rate that may not be less than zero percent per annum. Interest crediting rates are reviewed monthly for resetting. The Wrap Agreement is intended to guarantee that the qualified participant withdrawals will occur at contract value.

Certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. While the events may differ from contract to contract, the events typically include: Plan amendments or changes, company mergers or consolidations, participant investment election changes, group terminations or layoffs, implementation of an early retirement program, termination or partial termination of the Plan, failure to meet

certain tax qualifications, participant communication that is designed to influence participants not to invest in the Stable Value Fund, transfers to competing options without meeting the equity wash provisions of the Stable Value Fund (if applicable), Plan sponsor withdrawals without the appropriate notice to the Stable Value Fund's investment manager and/or wrap contract issuers, any changes in laws or regulations that would result in substantial withdrawals from the Plan, and default by the Plan sponsor in honoring its credit obligations, insolvency, or bankruptcy if such events could result in withdrawals. In general, GIC issuers may terminate the contract and settle at other than contract value due to changes in the qualification status of the company or the Plan, breach of material obligations under the contract and misrepresentation by the contract holder, or failure of the underlying portfolio to conform to the pre-established investment guidelines. Plan management believes that the occurrence of such events that would cause the Plan to transact at less than contract value is not probable.

The Plan's fully benefit-responsive synthetic GICs are included in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits at contract value at December 31, 2016 and 2015 of \$149 million and \$144 million, respectively. The fully benefit-responsive synthetic GICs earned interest income of \$2.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2016.

#### 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan applies fair value measurements to certain investments and provides disclosure of some of these assets according to a fair value hierarchy. The hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the inputs used to determine fair values, which are then classified and disclosed in one of three categories. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1 — Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Active markets are those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide information on an ongoing basis.

Level 2 — Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable.

Level 3 — Model-derived valuations with unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity.

Assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation methodologies maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. The Plan recognizes transfers among Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 based on the fair values at the beginning of the period and are triggered by a change in the lowest significant input as of the end of the period. There were no transfers between the hierarchy levels during the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015. Investments valued using net asset value as a practical expedient are not classified within the fair value hierarchy.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Common and Collective Trusts: Valued, as a practical expedient, based on the trusts' net asset value of units held by the Plan at year-end. Net asset value is based on the market prices of the underlying securities owned by the trusts. The trusts are similar to mutual funds, except that the trusts' shares are offered to a

limited group of investors and are not traded on an exchange. Participant redemptions in the trusts do not require a notification period, and may occur on a daily basis at the net asset value. The trusts have the ability to implement redemption safeguards which could limit the Plan's ability to transact in the trusts; these safeguards had no effect on participant redemptions at year-end, and are not expected to impact the abilities of participants to transact in the trusts. The Plan has no unfunded commitments to these trusts as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Mutual Funds: Valued and redeemable at the quoted net asset value of shares held by the Plan. The net asset value is based on the quoted price at the end of the day on the active market in which the individual funds are traded. Mutual funds are open-ended funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Common Stocks: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded. See Note 2 for additional discussion of Pinnacle West Common Stock.

Short-Term Investments: Consists primarily of mutual funds that seek to provide safety of principal, daily liquidity and a competitive yield by investing in U.S. Government Securities, or money market funds. Valuation is based on the quoted net asset value of shares held by the Plan, consistent with the methodology for valuing mutual funds as discussed above.

Self-Directed Brokerage Account: Consists primarily of common stocks, cash equivalents, and mutual funds, that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices.

The following table presents by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets reported at fair value:

	December 31,	
Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1):	2016	2015
Common Stocks	\$56,705,931	\$54,548,994
Short Term Investments	8,315,000	12,906,863
Mutual Funds	119,036,170	119,268,385
Pinnacle West Common Stock	97,241,220	87,359,438
Self-Directed Brokerage Account	60,273,349	59,360,266
Total Level 1 assets and total assets classified in the fair value hierarchy	341,571,670	333,443,946
Other:		
Common and Collective Trusts (a)	577,786,066	535,579,781
Total Investments at fair value	\$919,357,736	\$869,023,727

(a) These investments are valued using net asset value as a practical expedient, and therefore have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

# 6. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments consist of Pinnacle West common stock and short-term investments which are managed by the Trustee. These transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Plan held 1,246,203 and 1,354,830 shares, respectively, of common stock of Pinnacle West, the sponsoring employer with a cost basis of \$62,287,123 and \$62,352,902, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Plan recorded dividend income from Pinnacle West common stock of \$3,221,511. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Plan held \$8,315,000 and \$12,906,863, respectively, of short-term investments managed by the Trustee.

Transactions under the Plan's revenue share agreement with the Trustee qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Amounts received under this revenue share agreement were immaterial for the year ended December 31, 2016. These revenue share amounts are currently allocated back to participants.

The Plan issues loans to participants which are secured by the vested balances in the participants' accounts.

Certain employees and officers of the Company, who may also be participants in the Plan, perform financial reporting and other services for the Plan, at no cost to the Plan. The Plan Sponsor pays for these services.

## 7. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500:

	2016	2015
Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements	\$1,096,745,199	\$1,040,625,674
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	341,554	741,477
Deemed distribution of participant loans	(352,086)	(233,023)
Net Assets per Form 5500	\$1,096,734,667	\$1,041,134,128

The following is a reconciliation of the Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements	\$56,119,525	5
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive stable value fund - December	341,554	
31, 2016	311,331	
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive stable value fund - December	(741,477	`
31, 2015	(741,477	)
Deemed distribution of participant loans - 2016	(352,086	)
Deemed distribution of participant loans - 2015	233,023	
Net gain per Form 5500	\$55,600,539	9

(c) Description	(d)	(e) Current Value
	Cost	Current value
US Large Cap Stock Fund		
		\$1,029,608 489,379 402,475 924,065 901,103 1,039,400 1,068,255 292,574 1,029,698 987,624 742,511 921,379 789,594 851,318 1,034,620 896,750 1,039,474 902,876 593,754 691,224 914,622 664,912 505,180 1,057,536 447,608 16,376 20,233,915
US Large Cap Stock Fund		172 (04
		173,684 201,681 182,896 328,867 108,546 384,986 807,136 125,938 733,084 55,044 200,237
	US Large Cap Stock Fund	US Large Cap Stock Fund  US Large Cap Stock  US Large Cap Stock

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party (c) Description (d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
CANADIAN NATL RESOURCES	207,316
CAPITAL ONE FIN CORP	262,854
CBS CORP CL B	118,460
CHEVRON CORP	552,131
CHUBB LTD	295,552
CIGNA CORP	204,620
CITIGROUP INC	512,881
COCA-COLA EUROPEAN PARTNERS	118,315
COGNIZANT TECH SOLUT CL A	103,319
COMCAST CORP CL A	150,115
COMPUTER SCIENCES CORP	280,403
CONOCOPHILLIPS	255,614
CRH PLC SPON ADR	158,079
CVS HEALTH CORP	112,683
DAVITA INC	123,200
DELTA AIR INC	238,867
DIAMONDBACK ENERGY INC	264,474
DISCOVER FIN SVCS	483,075
DOW CHEMICAL CO	342,862
DR HORTON INC	52,064
EBAY INC	258,451
ENERGEN CORP	101,499
EOG RESOURCES INC	143,562
EQT CORPORATION	153,036
EXPRESS SCRIPTS HLDG CO	151,200
FIFTH THIRD BANCORP	152,488
FLEX LTD	202,861
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION	271,767
GILEAD SCIENCES INC	323,319
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	367,795
GULFPORT ENERGY CORP	79,116
HARRIS CORP	228,098
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE	270,993
HONEYWELL INTL INC	100,442
INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COS	148,771
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	821,102
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	1,073,879
KLA TENCOR CORP	103,307
LABORATORY OF AMER HLDGS	93,076
LEIDOS HOLDINGS INC	78,653
LIBERTY GLOBAL PLC CL C	64,063
LIBERTY LILAC GROUP-C	63,743
LYONDELLBASELL INDS CLASS	63,735

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**DECEMBER 31, 2016** 

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Part MARATHON OIL CORP MARATHON PETROLEUM CORP	ey(c) Description	(d) Cost**(e) Current Value 191,172 262,777
MERCK & CO INC NEW		468,311
METHANEX CORP (USD)		82,125
METLIFE INC		237,655
MICROSOFT CORP		263,225
NAVIENT CORP		139,047
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO		88,857
NUCOR CORP		137,670
ORACLE CORP		265,997
PFIZER INC		357,605
PHILIPS NV (KON) (NY REG)		231,782
PHILLIPS 66		295,781
PPG INDUSTRIES INC		80,830
PULTEGROUP INC		119,433
RAYTHEON CO		255,884
SANOFI SPON ADR		183,193
SEALED AIR CORP		99,703
SHIRE PLC SPON ADR		31,520
STEEL DYNAMICS INC		128,764
SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL		151,899
TE CONNECTIVITY LTD		314,046
TESORO CORP		103,628
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC		258,825
TEXTRON INC		105,618
TIME WARNER INC		373,668
UNITED CONTINENTAL HLDGS		162,304
UNITED PARCEL SVCS CL B		136,536
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP		269,336
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC		199,730
WABCO HOLDINGS INC		62,522
WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE		96,829
WESTROCK CO		180,690
BBH STIF FUND		477,421
SUBTOTAL		20,340,989
Robeco Small/Mid Capitalization Value Equity Fund	US Small/Mid Cap Stock	
•	Fund	
ABM INDUSTRIES INC		60,035
AECOM		93,227
AEGION CORP		48,230
AES CORP		82,676
AGNC INVESTMENT CORP		49,586
AIR LEASE CORP CL A		238,010

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party (c) Description (d) Cost*	* (e) Current Value
ALLY FINANCIAL INC	93,369
AMDOCS LTD	123,607
AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS	94,585
AMERICAN HOMES 4 REN CL A	124,244
ANWORTH MTG ASSET CORP	31,547
ARES CAPITAL CORP	91,717
ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE	107,671
ARROW ELECTRONICS INC	242,277
ASSURANT INC	46,244
ASSURED GUARANTY LTD	115,463
ATHENE HOLDING LTD	31,961
AVNET INC	186,584
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD	148,750
BANC OF CALIFORNIA INC	108,975
BELDEN INC	45,834
BERRY GLOBAL GROUP INC	180,983
BLACKSTONE MORTGAGE CL A	45,767
BMC STK HLDGS INC	110,351
BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON CL A	51,328
BRISTOW GROUP INC	93,266
BROCADE COMM SYS	109,100
BROOKS AUTOMATION INC	66,197
BRUNSWICK CORP	54,431
CABOT CORP	42,100
CDW CORPORATION	165,386
CENTENE CORP	41,930
CHATHAM LODGING TRUST	87,091
CHEMED CORP	186,717
CLUBCORP HLDGS INC	144,763
COHERENT INC	150,024
COLONY CAPITAL INC	113,663
COLUMBIA BANKING SYS INC	48,388
COMMSCOPE HOLDING CO INC	122,053
CONVERGYS CORP	47,794
CROWN HOLDINGS INC	44,159
CUBIC CORP	44,546
CURTISS WRIGHT CORPORATION	83,114
CYS INVESTMENTS INC	142,819
DIAMONDBACK ENERGY INC	187,972
DREW INDUSTRIES INC	287,585
DRIL-QUIP INC	41,074
E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP	52,529
EAST WEST BANCORP INC	160,267

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party (c) Description (d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
ENERSYS INC	93,408
ENVISION HEALTHCARE CORP	74,872
ESSENT GROUP LTD	120,837
EXPRESS INC	41,437
EXTRACTION OIL & GAS	16,633
FCB FIN HLDGS INC CL A	73,744
FEDERATED INVS CL B NV	59,275
FERRO CORP	41,012
FERROGLOBE PLC	26,490
FINISH LINE INC CL A	80,939
FIRST AMERICAN FIN CORP	62,381
FIRST CITIZEN BANCSHARES	78,455
FIRST REPUBLIC BANK	56,298
FIRST SOLAR INC	39,214
FIRSTCASH INC	103,776
FLEX LTD	141,659
FNF GROUP	65,814
FTD COS INC	49,349
FTI CONSULTING INC	48,551
G & K SERVICES INC CL A	43,113
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INC	71,225
GRAPHIC PACKAGING HLDGS C	134,622
GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC	54,246
GULFPORT ENERGY CORP	57,606
HANMI FIN CORPORATION	76,117
HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP	57,245
HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTL	52,333
HILLENBRAND INC	51,926
HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC	56,833
HUNTINGTON INC W/I	152,509
IAC/INTERACTIVECORP	112,281
ICON PLC	128,066
INFINITY PPTY & CASUALTY	43,071
INSIGHT ENTERPRISES INC	56,414
INTEGRA LIFESCIENCES HLDS	45,898
INVESTORS BANCORP INC NEW	76,111
JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP	117,819
JONES LANG LASALLE INC	82,651
KAR AUCTION SERVICES INC	139,538
KOSMOS ENERGY LTD	47,219
LASALLE HOTEL PPTYS REIT	83,214
LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORP	133,967
LIFEPOINT HEALTH INC	53,846

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party (c) Description (d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
LIONS GATE ENT CORP B	36,491
LITHIA MOTORS INC CL A	150,377
LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT	41,443
MAIDEN HLDGS LTD	246,830
MANPOWERGROUP INC	46,568
MAXIMUS INC	41,173
MFA FINANCIAL INC	128,283
MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC	164,697
MTGE INVESTMENT CORP	32,201
MULTI PACKAGING SOLUTIONS	77,132
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE HLDGS	97,542
NAVIENT CORP	213,294
NAVIGANT CONSULTING INC	108,045
NELNET INC CL A	114,289
NU SKIN ENTERPRISES CL A	96,133
OFFICE DEPOT INC	50,393
OLIN CORP	96,883
ON ASSIGNMENT INC	55,332
ON SEMICONDUCTOR CORP	217,481
OWENS AND MINOR INC	38,219
PACKAGING CORP OF AMERICA	45,548
PAREXEL INTL CORP	124,802
PARSLEY ENERGY INC CL A	298,095
PHARMERICA CORP	41,422
PNM RESOURCES INC	51,244
PRA GROUP INC	63,850
PULTEGROUP INC	40,914
QEP RESOURCES INC	140,137
RADIAN GROUP INC	139,309
RAYMOND JAMES FIN INC.	47,935
REALOGY HOLDINGS CORP	35,276
REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA	152,758
RICE ENERGY INC	124,833
RPX CORP	76,864
RSP PERMIAN INC	81,922
SCHOLASTIC CORP	39,844
SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTL	131,354
SCRIPPS NETWORK INTE CL A	83,217
SELECT MEDICAL HLDGS CORP	55,836
SERVICE CORP INTL INC	53,080
SKECHERS USA INC CL A	149,741
SLM CORP	89,582
STARWOOD PROPERTY TR INC	123,732

	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party STEEL DYNAMICS INC STEVEN MADDEN LTD STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP SVB FINL GROUP SYKES ENTERPRISES INC SYNNEX CORP TAILORED BRANDS INC TEGNA INC TELETECH HOLDINGS INC TEMPUR SEALY INTL INC TERADYNE INC TORCHMARK CORP TUTOR PERINI CORP TWO HBRS INVT CORP UNIVERSAL CORP VALIDUS HOLDING WALKER & DUNLOP INC WESCO INTERNATIONAL INC WESTERN REFINING INC WILDHORSE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORP WORLD FUEL SERVICES CORP BBH STIF FUND SUBTOTAL	(c) Description	(d) Cost**	(e) Current Value 186,617 110,325 184,066 225,905 61,097 133,485 198,089 51,079 150,670 56,946 98,044 115,987 97,216 43,288 140,122 119,404 158,924 197,371 230,729 125,511 83,687 199,938 646,423 16,131,027
	Common and Collective Trusts Blackrock US Debt Index NL Fund M	US Bond Index		114,464,520
-	Northern Trust Collective 1-10 Yr Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) Index Fund - NL - Tier Three	Diversified Inflation Fund		30,761,032
	SSgA Global All Cap Equity Ex US Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A	Non-US Stock Index		107,108,597
	SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A	US Large Cap Stock Fund/Index		230,634,667
	SSgA Russell Small/Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A	US Small/Mid Cap Stock Fund/Index		78,003,540
,	William Blair Small/Mid Cap Growth Collective Fund	Stock Fund		16,813,710
,	Total common and collective trusts			577,786,066
	Mutual Funds	CI . T		
*	Fidelity Institutional Money Market: Government Portfolio - Class I	Short-Term Investments***		6,933,778

*	Fidelity Institutional Money Market: Money Market Portfolio -	Short-Term	1,379,846
-1-	Class I	Investments***	1,3/9,840
	Federated Treasury Obligations Fund — Institutional Shares	Short-Term	1,376
	reactated Treasury Obligations Fund — Institutional Shares	Investments***	

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i PLAN # 002 EIN # 86-0512431 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) **DECEMBER 31, 2016** 

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund R6 Shares Dodge & Cox Income Fund 1 Shares Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund Institutional Shares Total mutual funds	(c) Description Non-US Stock Fund Bond Fund Bond Fund	(d) Cost**	(e) Current Value 73,877,795 22,777,267 22,381,108 127,351,170
Synthetic GICs RGA Reinsurance Co yield 1.782% Morley Stable Income Bond Fund Common and Collective Trust Principal Life Ins Co yield 1.753% Morley Stable Income Bond Fund Common and Collective Trust Transamerica Premier Life Ins Co yield 2.045% Morley Stable Income Bond Fund Common and Collective Trust Total Synthetic GICs	Stable Value Fund		48,241,815 50,874,490 49,863,172 148,979,477
Other Investments  * Pinnacle West Common Stock  Self-Directed Brokerage Account  * Various participants****  Total other investments  Total Assets Held for Investment Purposes	Pinnacle West Stock Fun Self-Directed Brokerage Account Participant loans	d	97,241,220 60,273,349 23,617,519 181,132,088 \$1,091,954,732

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

<sup>\*</sup>Party-in-interest

<sup>\*\*</sup>Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and therefore is not included.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Short-Term Investments represent \$6,933,778 held in the Stable Value Fund, \$1,379,846 in the Pinnacle West Stock Fund and \$1,376 in the Treasury Fund.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Interest rates for participant loans as of December 31, 2016, ranged from 4.25% to 9.25% with maturity dates ranging from 2017 to 2031. Presented net of \$352,086 in deemed loan distributions.

**Exhibits Filed** 

Exhibit No. Description

23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

## **SIGNATURE**

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

THE PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

Date: June 16, 2017 By/s/ Barbara M. Gomez
Barbara M. Gomez
Senior Vice President Human Resources
Arizona Public Service Company