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July 25, 2002

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): July 23, 2002

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arizona (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-8962 (Commission File Number)	86-0512431 (IRS Employer Identification Number)
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400 North Fifth Street, P.O. Box 53999, Phoenix, Arizona (Address of principal executive offices)	85072-3999 (Zip Code)
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(602) 250-1000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NONE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

ARIZONA ELECTRIC INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING

As previously reported, the Arizona Corporation Commission (the "ACC") issued a procedural order stating that hearings in a consolidated ACC docket would begin on June 17, 2002 on various issues ("Track A Issues"), including Arizona Public Service Company's ("APS") planned divestiture of generation assets to Pinnacle West Energy Corporation (Pinnacle West Energy) and associated market and affiliate issues.

See Note 5 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in the Pinnacle West Capital Corporation (the "Company") Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2002 for additional information about the consolidated docket, a comprehensive 1999 Settlement Agreement approved by the ACC among APS and various parties related to the implementation of retail electric competition in Arizona, and the retail electric competition rules adopted by the ACC.

On July 23, 2002 an ACC Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued a recommendation on Track A Issues in the consolidated docket. Among other things, the ALJ recommends that:

* the ability of APS to transfer its generation assets be stayed until

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the ACC determines that the wholesale market is "workably competitive," and until at least July 1, 2004, at which time the ACC would reassess the appropriateness and timing of divestiture;

- * the requirement that 100 percent of power purchased for standard offer service be acquired from the competitive market, with at least 50 percent through a competitive bid process, be stayed indefinitely; and,
- * upon implementation of the outcome of the competitive bidding process ("Track B Issues"), APS would acquire, at a minimum, any required power not produced by its owned generation through the competitive procurement process developed in the Track B proceeding.

The ALJ also recommended that if APS wishes to acquire certain generation assets from Pinnacle West Energy, as discussed in APS' July 11, 2002 letter to the ACC, APS should file appropriate applications on this matter for ACC consideration. See the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 11, 2002.

The ALJ also recommended that the ACC Staff open a rulemaking to review the Retail Electric Competition Rules in light of the other decisions in the recommendation and that an Electric Competition Advisory Group be formed to facilitate communication among the ACC staff, stakeholders and market participants.

APS expects to file exceptions to the recommendations by August 1, 2002. It has not been determined when the ACC may consider and rule on this recommendation.

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SIGNATURES

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

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Dated: July 24, 2002

By: Barbara M. Gomez

Barbara M. Gomez
Treasurer

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