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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Cortese Denis A.

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

15711 ROBIN DRIVE EAST

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP [PNW]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

X Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZÂ 85268

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cortese Denis A.

15711 ROBIN DRIVE EAST X FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZÂ 85268

Signatures

Denis A. Cortese 01/06/2010

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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