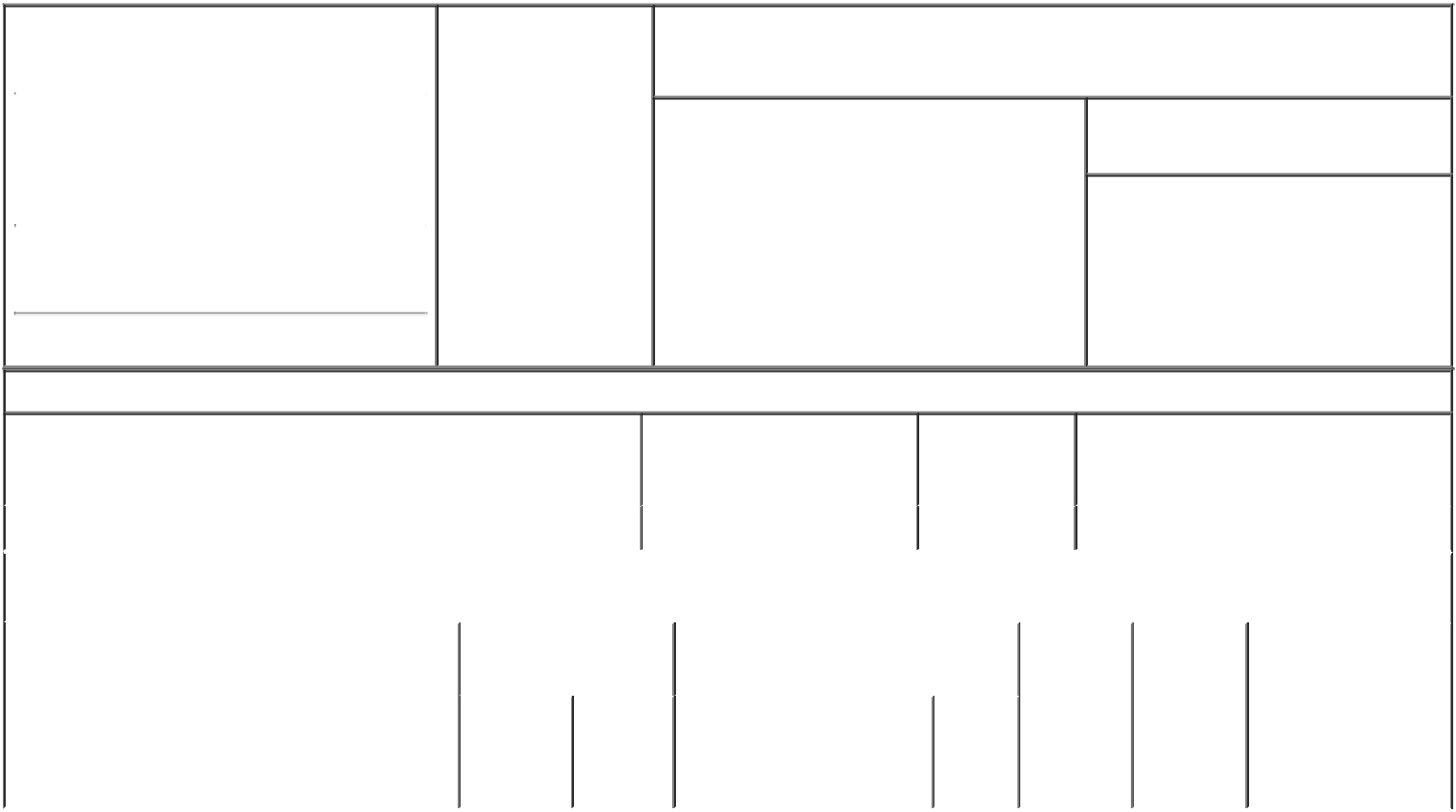
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| SEC Form 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FORM 3** | **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* | | | | 2. Date of Event |  |
|  |  | [Sims Paula J](http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0001358752) | | Requiring Statement |  |
|  |  | (Month/Day/Year) |  |
|  |  |  |  | 10/20/2016 |  |

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

[PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORP](http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0000764622) [ PNW ]

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|  | (Last) | (First) | (Middle) |
|  | 400 NORTH FIFTH STREET | |  |
|  | MAIL STATION 8602 | |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| (Street) | |  |  |
|  | PHOENIX | AZ | 85004 |

1. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below)

1. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
2. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)** | **2. Amount of Securities** | **3. Ownership** | **4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership** |
|  | **Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)** | **Form: Direct (D)** | **(Instr. 5)** |
|  |  | **or Indirect (I)** |  |
|  |  | **(Instr. 5)** |  |
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|  | Common Stock |  |  |  | 100 |  | D |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **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** | | **3. Title and Amount of Securities** | | | **4.** |  | **5.** |  | **6. Nature of Indirect** | | |  |
|  |  |  | **Expiration Date** | | **Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)** | | | **Conversion** | | **Ownership** | | **Beneficial Ownership** | | |  |
|  |  |  | **(Month/Day/Year)** | |  |  |  | **or Exercise** | | **Form:** | | **(Instr. 5)** | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Price of** | | **Direct (D)** | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Amount** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Derivative** | | **or Indirect** | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **or** | **Security** | | **(I) (Instr. 5)** | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Number** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Date** | **Expiration** |  |  | **of** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Exercisable** | **Date** | **Title** |  | **Shares** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Explanation of Responses:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Remarks:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | /s/ Diane Wood, Attorney-in- | | | | 10/26/2016 | | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Fact |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | \*\* Signature of Reporting Person | | | | Date | |  |  |  |  |

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of David P. Falck and Diane Wood, or either of them signing singly, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

1. prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate

to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC;

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Pinnacle West Capital Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such

form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

1. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the

foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney in fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming,

nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 21st day of October, 2016.

/s/ Paula J. Sims

Signature

Paula J. Sims

Print Name