

William Post

Retired Chairman of the Board and CEO, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation

Education:

B.S., Quantitative Systems, Arizona State University;
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Bill Post is a Valley leader, involved with the ASU Foundation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona, The Greater Phoenix Leadership, The Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, the Nuclear Energy Institute, The Thunderbird School of Global Management, and Translational Genomics Research Institute. In 2007, he was Valley Leadership Man of the Year.

Under Bill Post's leadership, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation and its subsidiary, Arizona Public Service (APS), have become leaders in Arizona sustainable business, founding Arizona Businesses Advancing Sustainability with Intel, and focusing on internal sustainable research and operations. APS has developed a mission to advance business practices that improve the economy, environment and community to create a more sustainable future. APS started the Eco-Efficiency and Technology Innovation Department (EETI), which is focused on developing and helping commercialize new sustainable technologies such as efforts to improve power plant emissions-to-algae-to-biofuel, high efficiency solar cells, and projects in hydrogasification in coordination with BHP and Liquid Air. The company also recently retired the Childs and Irving Hydroelectric Power Plants, opting to restore the scenic northern Arizona's Fossil Creek to its natural water flow.

APS has been a member of CERES, the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies, since 1995 and was the first utility to join the organization. APS's Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), the nation's largest energy producer, helps avoid 31.7 million tons of CO₂ air emissions each year. 56.8 percent of all water used by APS generation operations use treated effluent instead of potable water. 97 percent of APS-owned facilities are equipped with energy efficient fixtures saving 13 million kWh annually. Last year, APS recycled 6.4 million pounds of material.

APS received the EPA's Climate Protection Award in 2006 (one of only a few US companies to receive this award). It was listed for the fifth consecutive year in the 2009 Dow Jones World Sustainability Index and the 2009 Dow Jones North America Sustainability Index as a sustainability leader in the electric industry. It has received AAA rating and ranked in the top two US utilities in 2006 by Innovest Strategic Advisors in consecutive biennial ratings since 2001. It was named one of Corporate Knights Global 100 (2010) for the sixth straight year, and earned "best-in-class" status for environmental and social performance and qualified for investment in Storebrand's Social Responsibility Index in December 2006.

