

NUVEEN ARIZONA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3
Form N-Q
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21157

Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 7/31

Date of reporting period: 4/30/08

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NXE)

April 30, 2008

Principal

Amount (000) Description (1)

Consumer Staples □ 1.3% (0.9% of Total Investments)

\$ 550 Puerto Rico, The Children's Trust Fund, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.375%, 5/15/33

Education and Civic Organizations □ 15.2% (10.1% of Total Investments)

690 Arizona Higher Education Loan Authority, Student Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2007B, Adjustable Rate, 5.800%, 11/01/41 (4)

1,250 Arizona State University, System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/20 □ AMBAC Insured

1,130 Energy Management Services LLC, Arizona State University, Energy Conservation Revenue Bonds, Main Campus Project, Series 2002, 5.250%, 7/01/18 □ MBIA Insured

270 Glendale Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Revenue Bonds, Midwestern University, Series 1998A, 5.375%, 5/15/28

540 Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Noah Webster Basic Schools Inc., Series 2004, 6.000%, 12/15/24

565 Tucson Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Arizona Agribusiness and Equine Center Charter School, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/34

2,000 University of Arizona, Certificates of Participation, Series 2002B, 5.125%, 6/01/20 □ AMBAC Insured

6,445 Total Education and Civic Organizations

Health Care □ 27.1% (18.1% of Total Investments)

1,015 Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Banner Health Systems, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 1/01/25

1,000 Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Banner Health Systems, Series 2008A, 5.000%, 1/01/35 (WI/DD, Settling 5/01/08)

625 Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Blood Systems Inc., Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/20

475 Glendale Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Revenue Bonds, John C. Lincoln Health Network, Series 2005B, 5.000%, 12/01/37

785 Glendale Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Revenue Bonds, John C. Lincoln Health Network, Series 2007, 5.000%, 12/01/42

390 Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Health Facilities Revenue Bonds, Mayo Clinic, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/15/36

1,825 Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Catholic Healthcare West, Series 2004A, 5.375%, 7/01/23

1,985 Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Catholic Healthcare West, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 7/01/32

2,000 Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Mayo Clinic Hospital, Series 1998, 5.250%, 11/15/37

270 Maricopa County, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Sun Health Corporation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 4/01/16

1,000 Yavapai County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Series 2003A, 6.000%, 8/01/33

11,370 Total Health Care

Housing/Multifamily □ 4.6% (3.1% of Total Investments)

1,545 Phoenix Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, GNMA Collateralized Multifamily Housing

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Revenue Bonds, Campaigne Place on Jackson, Series 2001, 5.600%, 6/20/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

- 380 Phoenix Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, GNMA Collateralized Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Park Lee Apartments, Series 2004A, 5.050%, 10/20/44 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

1,925 Total Housing/Multifamily

Housing/Single Family □ 7.6% (5.1% of Total Investments)

- 1,175 The Industrial Development Authority of The City of Tucson, Arizona, Tax-Exempt Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.100%, 7/01/38
- 2,130 Tucson and Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Joint Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2007B, 5.350%, 6/01/47 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

3,305 Total Housing/Single Family

Tax Obligation/Limited □ 33.2% (22.1% of Total Investments)

- 154 Centerra Community Facilities District, Goodyear, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.500%, 7/15/29
- 2,250 DC Ranch Community Facilities District, Scottsdale, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/15/27 □ AMBAC Insured
- Estrella Mountain Ranch Community Facilities District, Arizona, Special Assessment Bonds, Montecito Assessment District, Series 2007:
- 255 5.700%, 7/01/27
- 155 5.800%, 7/01/32
- 320 Estrella Mountain Ranch Community Facilities District, Goodyear, Arizona, Special Assessment Lien Bonds, Series 2001A, 7.875%, 7/01/25
- 800 Goodyear Community Facilities Utility District 1, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.350%, 7/15/28 □ ACA Insured
- 525 Greater Arizona Development Authority, Infrastructure Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 8/01/23 □ MBIA Insured
- 785 Marana, Arizona, Tangerine Farms Road Improvement District Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 4.600%, 1/01/26
- 290 Marley Park Community Facilities District, City of Surprise, Arizona, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, 6.100%, 7/15/32
- 2,000 Mohave County, Arizona, Certificates of Participation, Series 2004, 5.250%, 7/01/19 □ AMBAC Insured
- 640 Palm Valley Community Facility District 3, Goodyear, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.300%, 7/15/31
- 425 Palm Valley Community Facility District 3, Goodyear, Arizona, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, 5.800%, 7/15/32
- 160 Parkway Community Facilities District 1, Prescott Valley, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.350%, 7/15/31
- 1,250 Pinal County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Correctional Facilities Contract Revenue Bonds, Florence West Prison LLC, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 10/01/18 □ ACA Insured
- 1,130 San Luis Civic Improvement Corporation, Arizona, Municipal Facilities Excise Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/25 □ XLCA Insured
- 665 Tartesso West Community Facility District, Buckeye, Arizona, Limited Tax General Obligation

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Bonds, Series 2007, 5.900%, 7/15/32

- 1,250 Vistancia Community Facilities District, Arizona, Restricted General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.750%, 7/15/24
- 665 Watson Road Community Facilities District, Arizona, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 6.000%, 7/01/30
- 425 Westpark Community Facilities District, Buckeye, Arizona, General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds Series 2006, 5.250%, 7/15/31

14,144 Total Tax Obligation/Limited

Transportation □ 13.9% (9.3% of Total Investments)

Phoenix, Arizona, Civic Improvement Corporation, Senior Lien Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B:

- 1,000 5.750%, 7/01/16 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 2,300 5.250%, 7/01/21 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 2,450 Tucson Airport Authority Inc., Arizona, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.000%, 6/01/20 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

5,750 Total Transportation

U.S. Guaranteed □ 23.4% (15.6% of Total Investments) (5)

- 300 Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Catholic Healthcare West, Series 1999A, 6.625%, 7/01/20 (Pre-refunded 7/01/10)
- 1,000 Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Hospital System Revenue Bonds, John C. Lincoln Health Network, Series 2000, 6.875%, 12/01/20 (Pre-refunded 12/01/10)
- Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Hospital System Revenue Bonds, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Series 1999A:
 - 350 6.125%, 11/15/22 (Pre-refunded 11/15/09)
 - 520 6.250%, 11/15/29 (Pre-refunded 11/15/09)
- 660 Chandler, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/18 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12)
- 1,575 Maricopa County Union High School District 210, Phoenix, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/20 (Pre-refunded 7/01/14) □ FSA Insured
- 1,250 Scottsdale Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Scottsdale Healthcare, Series 2001, 5.800%, 12/01/31 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11)
- 2,770 Tempe, Arizona, Excise Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 7/01/22 (Pre-refunded 7/01/13)
- 440 Tucson, Arizona, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.000%, 7/01/20 (Pre-refunded 7/01/11)

8,865 Total U.S. Guaranteed

Utilities □ 10.1% (6.7% of Total Investments)

- 1,250 Maricopa County Pollution Control Corporation, Arizona, Revenue Bonds, Arizona Public Service Company □ Palo Verde Project, Series 2002A, 5.050%, 5/01/29 □ AMBAC Insured
- 1,660 Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue Bonds, Series 2005RR, 5.000%, 7/01/26 □ XLCA Insured
- 270 Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Arizona, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.000%, 1/01/22
- 1,165 Salt Verde Financial Corporation, Arizona, Senior Gas Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 12/01/37

4,345 Total Utilities

Water and Sewer □ 13.6% (9.0% of Total Investments)

- 405 Oro Valley Municipal Property Corporation, Arizona, Senior Lien Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 7/01/23 □ MBIA Insured
- 1,000 Phoenix Civic Improvement Corporation, Arizona, Junior Lien Wastewater System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 7/01/21 □ FGIC Insured
- 2,000 Phoenix Civic Improvement Corporation, Arizona, Junior Lien Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/18 □ FGIC Insured
- 920 Phoenix Civic Improvement Corporation, Arizona, Junior Lien Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/23 □ MBIA Insured
- Surprise Municipal Property Corporation, Arizona, Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2007:
 - 425 4.700%, 4/01/22
 - 490 4.900%, 4/01/32
- 330 Yuma County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Exempt Revenue Bonds, Far West Water & Sewer Inc. Refunding, Series 2007A, 6.375%, 12/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

5,570 Total Water and Sewer

\$ 62,269 Total Investments (cost \$62,845,863) □ 150.0%

Other Assets Less Liabilities □ 3.1%

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value □ (53.1)% (6)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares □ 100%

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- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.

The Portfolio of Investments may reflect the ratings on certain bonds insured by AMBAC, CIFG, FGIC, MBIA and XLCA as of April 30, 2008. During the period covered by this report, at least one rating agency reduced the rating for AMBAC-insured and MBIA-insured bonds to AA and at least one rating agency further reduced the ratings for FGIC-insured and XLCA-insured bonds to BB. Subsequent to April 30, 2008, and at the time this report was prepared, at least one rating agency further reduced the rating for CIFG-insured bonds to BB and MBIA-insured bonds to A. As of April 30, 2008, at least one rating agency has placed XLCA-insured bonds on "negative credit watch" and one or more rating agencies have placed each of these insurers on "negative outlook", which may presage one or more rating reductions for such insurer or insurers in the future. If one or more insurers' ratings are reduced by these rating agencies, it would likely reduce the effective rating of many of the bonds insured by that insurer or insurers.

- (4) Investment valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by, or at the discretion of, the Board of Directors/Trustees.
- (5) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
- (6) Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of total investments is (35.4)%.

N/R Not rated.

WI/DD Purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At April 30, 2008, the cost of investments was \$62,886,535.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at April 30, 2008, were as follows:

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| Gross unrealized: | |
| Appreciation | \$ 1,090,421 |
| Depreciation | (1,785,398) |
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| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$ (694,977) |
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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date June 27, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date June 27, 2008

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy
Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date June 27, 2008