

SOUTHWEST GAS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hester John P

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD  
 (Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [SWX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/01/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP/Regulatory Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock	03/01/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>		20	A	\$ 28.77	8,627	D	
Common stock	03/01/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>		42	A	\$ 28.77	8,669	D	
Common stock - Spouse	03/01/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>		2	A	\$ 28.77	322	I	By Spouse
Common stock 401k	03/01/2006		A <sup>(3)</sup>		18	A	\$ 28.77	2,757	I	By 401(k)
Common stock 401k	03/01/2006		A <sup>(3)</sup>		43	A	\$ 28.77	6,299	I	By Spouse - 401(k)

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

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

Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-headers for Code, V, (A), (D), Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Relationships include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and Other. Example entry: Hester John P, 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002, VP/Regulatory Affairs.

Signatures

By: Kathy M. Bailey, POA 03/02/2006
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
(1) Shares acquired pursuant to the dividend/dividend reinvestment feature of SWX restricted stock plan, dividend paid on 3/1/06 with a record date of 2/1/5/06.
(2) Shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan, dividend paid on 3/1/06 with a record date of 2/15/06.
(3) Shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of SWX 401(k) plan, dividend paid 3/1/06.

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