

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 *
LOWMAN JAMES F

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/16/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP/Operations

LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common stock	08/16/2005		M	3,750	A \$ 19.13	19,124	D
Common stock	08/16/2005		S	3,750	D \$ 26.51	15,374	D
Common stock	08/16/2005		M	5,124	A \$ 23.36	20,498	D
Common stock	08/16/2005		S	5,124	D \$ 26.51	15,374	D
Common stock	08/16/2005		M	2,726	A \$ 23.06	18,100	D

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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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) 1997	\$ 19.13	08/16/2005		M	3,750	07/15/1998 07/14/2007	Common stock	3,750
Stock Option (right to buy) 1998	\$ 23.06	08/16/2005		M	2,726	07/21/1999 07/20/2008	Common stock	2,726
Stock Option (right to buy) 2001	\$ 23.36	08/16/2005		M	5,124	07/17/2002 07/16/2011	Common stock	5,124

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LOWMAN JAMES F
5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD
LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002

Sr VP/Operations

Signatures

By: Kathy M.
Bailey, POA

08/16/2005

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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