

Hester John P
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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

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)
05/05/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP/Regulatory Affairs

LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002

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

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

(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock	05/05/2006		M	1,900 A \$ 21.74	10,569	D	
Common stock	05/05/2006		S	1,900 D \$ 29.07	8,669	D	
Common stock	05/05/2006		M	100 A \$ 21.74	8,769	D	
Common stock	05/05/2006		S	100 D \$ 29.15	8,669	D	

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

Explanation of Responses:

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

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