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Southwest Gas Operating Results to Be Impacted by Weather

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LAS VEGAS, April 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX)(Southwest) expects its first quarter 2003 operating results to fall short of the consensus street estimate by approximately one-third. Southwest attributes the lower results to warmer-than-normal weather in its two primary operating areas. Nevada experienced its warmest January on record and Arizona its second warmest. Unseasonably warm temperatures continued through March.

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Southwest Gas expects to release its earnings for the first quarter near the end of April.

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