



## Southwest Gas<sup>™</sup> HOLDINGS

### Jeffrey W. Shaw Elected as Director of Southwest Gas Corporation

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LAS VEGAS, July 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- On July 28, 2004, Jeffrey W. Shaw, 45, was elected to the Board of Directors of Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX), following his recent promotion to Chief Executive Officer of the company. As a director, he will serve on the executive committee of the Board. Mr. Shaw's election increases the number of directors from eleven to twelve. The position of Chairman of the Board remains filled with an independent director, consistent with the Company's long-standing practice and sound corporate governance principles.

Mr. Shaw joined Southwest Gas in 1988 as Director of Internal Audit and was promoted to Controller and Chief Accounting Officer in 1991, Vice President/Controller and Chief Accounting Officer in 1993, Vice President and Treasurer in 1994, Senior Vice President/Finance and Treasurer in 2000, Senior Vice President/Gas Resources and Pricing in 2002, President in 2003 and Chief Executive Officer on June 1, 2004. Mr. Shaw received a BS in accounting from the University of Utah in 1983 and worked for Arthur Andersen & Co., in its Dallas and Las Vegas offices prior to joining Southwest Gas. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Nevada Society of CPAs, the Leadership Las Vegas Alumni Association, serves on the Board of the American Gas Association and is active with the Boy Scouts of America.

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