FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MELARKEY MICHAEL J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [SWX]									5. Relationship (Check all app X Direc		olicable) ctor	10%	Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2010											belov	er (give title w)	Other (specify below)		
(Street) LAS VEC			39150-00 Zip)	02	4. If <i>i</i>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									i. Indiv ine) X	Form Form	ial or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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. Transact Date (Month/Date					(E) (if:	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				and 5) Secur Benef Owne		cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	e		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 12/01					2010	2010		A		30.870	'09 A		\$35	5.53	5,683.3731		D			
Common Stock																4,700		I	By Profit Sharing Plan Trust	
	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)	tive Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Date,	4. Transactio Code (Inst 8)				6. Date E Expiratio (Month/I	on Dat			str. 3	8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Explanation of Responses:

Karen W. Stanfield, POA

12/03/2010

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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