

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Maffie, Michael O  
 5241 Spring Mountain Road  
 Las Vegas, NV 89102  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Southwest Gas Corporation  
 SWX
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
 05/29/2001
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director ( ) 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 President and Chief Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	05/18/2001	M	90,000	A	\$15			
Common Stock	05/18/2001	S	4,900	D	\$22.05			
Common Stock	05/21/2001	S	66,300	D	\$22.05			
Common Stock	05/21/2001	S	18,800	D	\$22.01	62,160	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15	05/18/2001	M	90,000	D (1) 07/14/2006	Common Stock	90,000	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:  
 (1) The option vested in three annual installments of 36,000 shares on July 15, 1997, 27,000 shares on July 15, 1998 and 27,000 shares on July 15, 1999.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 /s/ Michael O. Maffie by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact  
 DATE  
 05/31/2001