FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address MAFFIE MIC | | rson* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [SWX] | | onship of Repor all applicable) Director | Reporting Person(s) to Issuble) | | |
| (Last) 5241 SPRING N | (First) MOUNTAIN RC | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2006 | | Officer (give title below) | le Other below | (specify | |
| (Street) LAS VEGAS (City) | NV (State) | 891500002 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Line) | Form filed by C | oup Filing (Check A | on | |

| 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 | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (11150.4) | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | M | | 9,900 | A | \$21.74 | 18,428 | D | | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | S | | 9,900 | D | \$29.05 | 8,528 | D | | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$21.74 | 13,528 | D | | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | S | | 5,000 | D | \$29.1 | 8,528 | D | | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$21.74 | 13,528 | D | | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | S | | 5,000 | D | \$29.13 | 8,528 | D | | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | M | | 400 | A | \$21.74 | 8,928 | D | | |
| Common stock | 05/10/2006 | | S | | 400 | D | \$29.15 | 8,528 | D | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp of (I | 5. Number of Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | ate Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) 2002 | \$21.74 | 05/10/2006 | | М | | | 9,900 | 07/16/2003 | 07/15/2012 | Common stock | 9,900 | \$29.05 | 20,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) 2002 | \$21.74 | 05/10/2006 | | М | | | 5,000 | 07/16/2003 | 07/15/2012 | Common | 5,000 | \$29.1 | 15,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) 2002 | \$21.74 | 05/10/2006 | | М | | | 5,000 | 07/16/2003 | 07/15/2012 | Common | 5,000 | \$29.13 | 10,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) 2002 | \$21.74 | 05/10/2006 | | М | | | 400 | 07/16/2003 | 07/15/2012 | Common stock | 400 | \$29.15 | 9,600 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

By: Kathy M. Bailey, POA

05/10/2006

** 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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