

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 89150
 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
 04/30/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 President and Chief Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) 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	04/02/2002	M	25,000	A	\$19.125			
Common Stock	04/02/2002	S	25,000	D	\$24.518			
Common Stock	04/02/2002	M	20,000	A	\$17.9375			
Common Stock	04/02/2002	S	20,000	D	\$24.518	75,712 (1)	D	
Common Stock	04/02/2002	S	V14,381	D	\$24.85	(2)		401(K)
Common Stock	04/02/2002	S	V2,465	D	\$24.85	951 (3)	I	By spouse

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)	\$19.125	04/02/2002	M	25,000	D (4) 07/14/2007	Common Stock 25,000		-0-	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.9375	04/02/2002	M	20,000	D (5) 07/17/2010	Common Stock 20,000		-0-	D	

Explanation of Responses:
 (1) Includes 490 shares acquired pursuant to 3/2002 dividend reinvestment feature of SWX restricted stock plan.
 (2) Intraplan transfer out of company stock fund of 401(k) plan.
 (3) Spouse did intraplan transfer out of company stock fund of 401(k) plan.
 (4) The option vested in three installments on July 15, 1998, 1999, 2000.
 (5) The option vested on July 18, 2001.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Michael O. Maffie by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact
DATE
05/02/2002