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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998

Commission file number 1-7850

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that
of the issuer named below:

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address
of its principle executive office:

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Listed below are all financial statements and exhibits filed as part of this
annual report:

- (a) Financial statements, including statements of net assets
available for benefits as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and
the related statement of changes in net assets available for
benefits for the year ended December 31, 1998 and notes to
financial statements, together with the report thereon of
Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants.
- (b) Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public
accountants.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the members
of the Southwest Gas Corporation Benefit Committee have duly caused this annual
report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN

By /s/ George C. Biehl

George C. Biehl
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and
Corporate Secretary
Southwest Gas Corporation

Dated: June 22, 1999

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997 AND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

TOGETHER WITH AUDITORS' REPORT

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Benefit Committee,
Southwest Gas Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN (the Plan) as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 1998. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Plan Committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Plan Committee, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets held for investment purposes at December 31, 1998, and reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 1998, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Fund Information in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits is presented for purposes of additional analysis rather than to present the net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits of each fund. The supplemental schedules and Fund Information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Las Vegas, Nevada
June 22, 1999

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, WITH FUND INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 1998

	Fund Information						
	Company Directed		Participant Directed				
	Southwest Gas Stock Fund	Southwest Gas Stock Fund	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Vanguard Intl Growth Fund	Fidelity Contrafund	Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund	Fidelity Growth & Income Fund
ASSETS							
Investments, at market value (Notes 2 and 3):							
Southwest Gas Corporation-Common stock	\$33,452,061	\$26,615,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	-	-	4,507,095	-	-	-	-
Vanguard Intl Growth Fund	-	-	-	807,951	-	-	-
Fidelity Contrafund	-	-	-	-	39,874,689	-	-
Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	3,679,516	-
Fidelity Growth & Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,718,620
Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Asset Mgr Growth Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Asset Mgr Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Low-priced Stock Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Retirement Money Mkt Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary cash investments	-	893,820	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to participants (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$33,452,061</u>	<u>\$27,509,319</u>	<u>\$ 4,507,095</u>	<u>\$ 807,951</u>	<u>\$39,874,689</u>	<u>\$ 3,679,516</u>	<u>\$ 10,718,620</u>

	Fund Information							
	Participant Directed						Participant Loans	Total
	Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	Fidelity Asset Mgr Growth Fund	Fidelity Asset Mgr Income Fund	Fidelity Low-priced Stock Fund	Fidelity Retirement Money Mkt Fund	Participant Loans		
ASSETS								
Investments, at market value (Notes 2 and 3):								
Southwest Gas Corporation-Common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,067,560	
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,507,095	
Vanguard Intl Growth Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	807,951	
Fidelity Contrafund	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,874,689	
Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,679,516	
Fidelity Growth & Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,718,620	
Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fidelity Asset Mgr Growth Fund	-	10,287,322	-	-	-	-	10,287,322	
Fidelity Asset Mgr Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fidelity Low-priced Stock Fund	-	-	-	4,563,120	-	-	4,563,120	
Fidelity Retirement Money Mkt Fund	-	-	-	-	10,440,755	-	10,440,755	
Temporary cash investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	893,820	
Loans to participants (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	5,295,211	5,295,211	
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$10,287,322</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$4,563,120</u>	<u>\$10,440,755</u>	<u>\$ 5,295,211</u>	<u>\$151,135,659</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, WITH FUND INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Fund Information						
	Company Directed		Participant Directed				
	Southwest Gas Stock Fund	Southwest Gas Stock Fund	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Vanguard Intl Growth Fund	Fidelity Contrafund	Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund	Fidelity Growth & Income Fund
ASSETS							
Investments, at market value (Notes 2 and 3):							
Southwest Gas Corporation-Common stock	\$23,581,702	\$21,479,111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanguard Intl Growth Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Contrafund	-	-	-	-	28,807,658	-	-
Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	2,692,577	-
Fidelity Growth & Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,718,943
Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Asset Mgr Growth Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Asset Mgr Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Low-priced Stock Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Retirement Money Mkt Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary cash investments	-	650,498	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to participants (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$23,581,702	\$22,129,609	\$ -	\$ -	\$28,807,658	\$ 2,692,577	\$ 5,718,943

	Fund Information							
	Participant Directed						Participant Loans	Total
	Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	Fidelity Asset Mgr Growth Fund	Fidelity Asset Mgr Income Fund	Fidelity Low-priced Stock Fund	Fidelity Retirement Money Mkt Fund	Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund		
ASSETS								
Investments, at market value (Notes 2 and 3):								
Southwest Gas Corporation-Common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,060,813	
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vanguard Intl Growth Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fidelity Contrafund	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,807,658	
Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,692,577	
Fidelity Growth & Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,718,943	
Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	4,284,823	-	-	-	-	-	4,284,823	
Fidelity Asset Mgr Growth Fund	-	8,750,221	-	-	-	-	8,750,221	
Fidelity Asset Mgr Income Fund	-	-	1,320,392	-	-	-	1,320,392	
Fidelity Low-priced Stock Fund	-	-	-	4,020,307	-	-	4,020,307	
Fidelity Retirement Money Mkt Fund	-	-	-	-	5,021,429	-	5,021,429	
Temporary cash investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	650,498	
Loans to participants (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	5,050,026	5,050,026	
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 4,284,823	\$ 8,750,221	\$ 1,320,392	\$4,020,307	\$ 5,021,429	\$ 5,050,026	\$111,377,687	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, WITH FUND INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	Fund Information						
	Company Directed		Participant Directed				
	Southwest Gas Stock Fund	Southwest Gas Stock Fund	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Vanguard Intl Growth Fund	Fidelity Contrafund	Fidelity Invst Grade Bond Fund	Fidelity Growth & Income Fund
Net investment income:							
Interest and dividends	\$ 999,820	\$ 836,611	\$ 47,113	\$ 17,403	\$ 2,939,978	\$ 201,309	\$ 542,095
Loan fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	999,820	836,611	47,113	17,403	2,939,978	201,309	542,095
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	10,183,718	8,626,480	410,070	(14,925)	6,440,087	46,556	1,544,726
Contributions:							
Southwest Gas Corporation	2,397,677	-	5,864	2,330	28,468	5,944	27,133
Participants	-	1,454,743	242,238	66,272	2,716,020	264,154	854,276
Rollovers	-	22,690	36,591	15,799	123,176	-	14,257
	2,397,677	1,477,433	284,693	84,401	2,867,664	270,098	895,666
Distributions to participants and beneficiaries (Note 5)	(1,605,004)	(1,019,015)	-	-	(1,001,060)	(116,439)	(429,410)
Transfers between funds	(2,105,852)	(4,541,799)	3,765,219	721,072	(179,638)	585,415	2,446,600
Net increase (decrease)	9,870,359	5,379,710	4,507,095	807,951	11,067,031	986,939	4,999,677
Net assets available for benefits:							
Beginning of year	23,581,702	22,129,609	-	-	28,807,658	2,692,577	5,718,943
End of year	\$33,452,061	\$27,509,319	\$4,507,095	\$ 807,951	\$39,874,689	\$ 3,679,516	\$ 10,718,620

	Fund Information						
	Participant Directed						
	Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	Fidelity Asset Mgr Growth Fund	Fidelity Asset Mgr Income Fund	Fidelity Low-priced Stock Fund	Fidelity Retirement Money Mkt Fund	Participant Loans	Total
Net investment income:							
Interest and dividends	\$ 34,268	\$ 1,435,587	\$ 19,639	\$ 412,379	\$ 428,821	\$ 522,566	\$ 8,437,589
Loan fees	-	-	-	-	-	(16,921)	(16,921)
	34,268	1,435,587	19,639	412,379	428,821	505,645	8,420,668
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	222,024	176,805	34,087	(490,264)	-	-	27,179,364
Contributions:							
Southwest Gas Corporation	1,631	8,502	1,753	15,283	18,476	-	2,513,061
Participants	194,101	986,788	43,890	605,877	480,051	-	7,908,410
Rollovers	4,864	3,248	-	19,992	16,879	-	257,496
	200,596	998,538	45,643	641,152	515,406	-	10,678,967
Distributions to participants and beneficiaries (Note 5)	(310,758)	(223,742)	(48,001)	(157,353)	(1,390,796)	(219,449)	(6,521,027)
Transfers between funds	(4,430,953)	(850,087)	(1,371,760)	136,899	5,865,895	(41,011)	-
Net increase (decrease)	(4,284,823)	1,537,101	(1,320,392)	542,813	5,419,326	245,185	39,757,972
Net assets available for benefits:							
Beginning of year	4,284,823	8,750,221	1,320,392	4,020,307	5,021,429	5,050,026	111,377,687
End of year	\$ -	\$10,287,322	\$ -	\$4,563,120	\$10,440,755	\$ 5,295,211	\$151,135,659

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Southwest Gas Corporation Employees' Investment Plan (the Plan), as amended, provides general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan is a voluntary defined contribution plan covering all employees of Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company). It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Participants may contribute up to 16 percent of their annual wages before bonuses and overtime. However, contributions may not exceed amounts promulgated in Internal Revenue Code Section 402(g). The Company contributes to the Plan an amount equal to 50 percent of a participant's contribution. The Company's maximum contribution is three percent of a participant's annual compensation before bonuses and overtime.

PARTICIPANTS ACCOUNTS

Each participant account is credited with the participant's contribution and the portion contributed by the Company. The portion contributed by the participant is invested in the various funds according to the direction of the participant. The Company contributions are invested in the Southwest Gas Stock Fund. Upon attaining age 50, participants may elect the investment funds in which the present balance of Company contributions, as well as future Company matching contributions, will be invested.

VESTING

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the contributions made by the Company and in the earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service as follows:

Years of Service -----	Vested Percentage -----
One but less than two.....	20
Two but less than three.....	40
Three but less than four.....	60
Four but less than five.....	80
Five and over.....	100

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In the event of death, retirement or total disability of a participant, Company contributions become fully vested irrespective of the years of service at the date of termination.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

If a participant terminates employment with the Company as a result of retirement, death or permanent and total disability, such participant will be entitled to receive an amount equal to the value of his account at the end of the month immediately following termination of employment. Distributions from the Southwest Gas Stock Fund will be made in the Company's common stock plus cash in lieu of fractional shares. A participant may apply to the Plan Committee to request a single lump sum payment in cash of the value of the Company's common stock otherwise distributable to the participant. Distributions from other funds will be made in a single lump sum cash payment.

Distributions under the Plan will begin as soon as practicable, but not later than April 1 following the end of the Plan year in which the participant attains age 70-1/2 or terminates employment, if later. No distribution in excess of \$5,000 will be made to employees at the time of termination of employment without the participant's consent. A participant who is terminated and does not elect to take a distribution will continue to receive his share of investment income on all vested portions of his accounts until electing to receive distributions from the Plan. All distributions to beneficiaries of a participant must be made within five years after the participant's death.

PLAN EXPENSES

Plan-related expenses and any other costs of administering the Plan will be paid with funds from the Plan unless paid by the Company at its discretion. All Plan expenses, except loan origination and maintenance fees for loans initiated after July 1, 1996, were paid by the Company for the year ended December 31, 1998. Loan origination and maintenance fees paid by Plan participants for the year ended December 31, 1998 were \$16,921.

PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Fidelity Management Trust Company acts as the trustee and Fidelity Institutional Retirement Services Company performs all recordkeeping of the Plan.

(2) INVESTMENTS

All investments of the Plan are stated at quoted market value as of the date of the statement. Loans to participants are valued at their outstanding principal amount. Realized gains/losses on investments sold and the unrealized gains/losses on investments held during the year are determined on a revalued cost basis.

At December 31, 1998, investments representing 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets are: (a) Southwest Gas Corporation Common Stock - \$60,067,560 (40%), (b) Fidelity Contrafund - \$39,874,689 (26%), (c) Fidelity Growth & Income Fund - \$10,718,620 (7%), (d) Fidelity Retirement Money Market Fund - \$10,440,755 (7%), and (e) Fidelity Asset Manager: Growth Fund - \$10,287,322 (7%).

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(3) FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Effective May 1998, the Fidelity Asset Manager and Fidelity Asset Manager: Income funds were no longer available for investment under the Plan. Amounts held in these accounts were transferred to other investment options as directed by the participants. Effective April 1998, the Vanguard 500 Index and Vanguard International Growth funds were added as investment options. Employees can invest their contributions in any combination of the available investment options in 10 percent increments. Participants can change the allocation of their ongoing contributions on a monthly basis in increments of 10 percent and can transfer amounts they previously contributed to other funds. Descriptions of the Plan funds are as follows:

SOUTHWEST GAS STOCK FUND

Contributions are invested in Southwest Gas Corporation common stock.

VANGUARD 500 INDEX FUND

Contributions are invested in the Vanguard Index Trust-500 Portfolio which invests in all 500 stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Composite Index (S&P 500) in approximately the same proportion as they are represented in the S&P 500.

VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND

Contributions are invested in the Vanguard International Growth Portfolio which invests in stocks of high-quality, seasoned companies located outside the United States with records of good growth.

FIDELITY CONTRAFUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Contrafund which seeks capital growth by investing primarily in securities which the management of the fund considers to have better than average prospects for appreciation in value due to the undervalued or out of favor position of the securities.

FIDELITY INVESTMENT-GRADE BOND FUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Investment-Grade Bond Fund which invests in a broad range of fixed-income securities, primarily investment-grade debt securities and preferred stocks.

FIDELITY GROWTH & INCOME FUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Growth & Income Fund which seeks a high total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation by investing mainly in equity securities of companies that pay current dividends and offer potential growth of earnings.

FIDELITY ASSET MANAGER FUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Asset Manager Fund which seeks a high total return with reduced risk over the long term by using a balanced mix of stocks, bonds, and short-term investments. As of May 1998, this investment option was eliminated from the Plan.

FIDELITY ASSET MANAGER: GROWTH FUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Asset Manager: Growth Fund which seeks to maximize total return over the long term by allocating its assets among stocks, bonds, and short-term investments with an emphasis on stocks.

FIDELITY ASSET MANAGER: INCOME FUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Asset Manager: Income Fund which seeks a high level of current income by maintaining a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, and short-term investments with an emphasis on short-term investments. As of May 1998, this investment option was eliminated from the Plan.

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FIDELITY LOW-PRICED STOCK FUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund which seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in low-priced stocks in small, less well known, or overlooked companies which may be undervalued and offer the potential for growth.

FIDELITY RETIREMENT MONEY MARKET FUND

Contributions are invested in the Fidelity Retirement Money Market Portfolio Fund which seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity by investing in high-quality, U.S. dollar-denominated money market investments of U.S. and foreign issues.

PARTICIPANT LOANS

These funds are the result of loans to participants in the Plan (see Note 4).

(4) PARTICIPANT LOANS

The Plan provides that participants may borrow against the balances in their accounts, subject to certain limitations specified in the Plan. Funds for loans are obtained through the liquidation of participants' investment accounts. Payments on the loans include interest at a rate that approximates the prime rate, plus two percent. At December 31, 1998, outstanding loans had annual interest rates ranging from 8 percent to 11 percent. Principal and interest payments on a Participant's loan will be credited to the Participant's investment accounts in the same ratio as ongoing contributions. The maximum repayment period for participant loans is five years.

(5) FORFEITURES

The nonvested balances forfeited by participants who withdrew from the Plan during the year ended December 31, 1998 were \$38,282. The market value of the nonvested portion of a withdrawing participant account is reallocated to the remaining participants in the Plan.

(6) PLAN EQUITY

There were no outstanding withdrawal requests at December 31, 1998 and 1997.

At December 31, 1998, the Trustee held for the Plan the following:

Fund Name	Shares/Units Held	Market Value Per Share/Unit
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Southwest Gas Stock	2,235,072	\$ 26.88
Vanguard 500 Index	39,553	113.95
Vanguard International Growth	43,045	18.77
Fidelity Contrafund	702,143	56.79
Fidelity Investment-Grade Bond	497,905	7.39
Fidelity Growth & Income	233,827	45.84
Fidelity Asset Manager: Growth	550,713	18.68
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock	199,699	22.85
Fidelity Retirement Money Market	10,440,755	1.00

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(7) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Investments in the Southwest Gas Stock Fund consist of Company Common Stock and are considered party-in-interest. Investments in Fidelity Funds (e.g.; Contrafund, Growth & Income, Low-Priced Stock, etc.) are managed by Fidelity, the Plan trustee, and are also considered party-in-interest.

(8) PLAN TERMINATION

Although the Company expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, it reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time. Upon termination, partial termination or complete discontinuance of contributions to the Plan, Company contributions will become fully vested.

(9) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

In March 1996, the Company received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the Plan, amended and restated effective December 1, 1994, qualifies for deferred tax treatment of contributions under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is the opinion of the Benefit Committee (the Plan Committee) that the Plan, as amended and as currently operating, is tax exempt and in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

(10) MERGER AGREEMENT WITH ONEOK, INC.

In December 1998, the Boards of Directors of the Company and ONEOK, Inc. (ONEOK), headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, announced an agreement for the Company to be merged into ONEOK. The agreement called for ONEOK to pay \$28.50 in cash for each share of Company common stock outstanding. In April 1999, the agreement was amended to reflect, among other things, a revised cash purchase price of \$30.00 per share. The transaction is subject to customary conditions, including approvals from shareholders of the Company and state regulators in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

If the merger is consummated, each share of Southwest Gas Corporation common stock held in the Southwest Gas Stock Fund would be exchanged for the \$30.00 per share cash consideration noted above. After the merger, ONEOK would then initiate the changes necessary to provide for the issuance, or purchase in the open market, of ONEOK common stock rather than Southwest common stock as part of the Plan.

SCHEDULE I

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN

E.I.N. 88-0085720

ITEM 27a - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES
AT DECEMBER 31, 1998

	Number of Shares	Cost	Fair Market Value
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Southwest Gas Corporation Common Stock*	2,235,072	\$ 38,223,269	\$ 60,067,560
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	39,553	4,089,471	4,507,095
Vanguard International Growth Fund	43,045	809,397	807,951
Fidelity Contrafund*	702,143	29,100,001	39,874,689
Fidelity Investment-Grade Bond Fund*	497,905	3,579,951	3,679,516
Fidelity Growth & Income Fund*	233,827	8,773,597	10,718,620
Fidelity Asset Manager: Growth Fund*	550,713	9,370,690	10,287,322
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund*	199,699	4,680,488	4,563,120
Fidelity Retirement Money Market Fund*	10,440,755	10,440,755	10,440,755
Temporary Cash Investments*	893,820	893,820	893,820
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		109,961,439	145,840,448
Participant Loans (with interest ranging from 8% to 11%)		5,295,211	5,295,211
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		\$ 115,256,650	\$ 151,135,659
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* Party-in-interest

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E.I.N. 88-0085720

ITEM 27d - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Description	Purchases		Sales			
	Number of Transactions	Cost	Number of Transactions	Proceeds	Original Cost	Gain (Loss)
Southwest Gas Corporation Common Stock *	242	\$ 8,811,927	233	\$ 12,367,979	\$ 9,872,337	\$ 2,495,642
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	130	4,925,193	42	828,168	835,722	(7,554)
Fidelity Contrafund	241	10,759,978	213	6,133,034	4,916,360	1,216,674
Fidelity Growth & Income Fund	205	5,851,466	137	2,396,515	2,097,690	298,825
Fidelity Asset Manager	70	571,069	55	5,077,916	4,338,911	739,005
Fidelity Asset Manager: Growth	204	4,014,174	165	2,653,877	2,248,907	404,970
Fidelity Retirement Money Market Fund	184	10,601,004	169	5,181,678	5,181,678	-

* The Southwest Gas Corporation Common Stock shares which are distributed to terminated or withdrawing participants are not included in this schedule; however, a realized gain (loss) is recognized on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation of our report dated June 22, 1999 included in this Form 11-K, into Southwest Gas Corporation's previously filed Form S-8 Registration Statement File No. 333-31267.

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Las Vegas, Nevada
June 22, 1999