

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hester John P</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD  (Street) LAS VEGAS NV 891500002  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [ SWX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP/Regulatory Affairs</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2006	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common stock	03/01/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>		20	A	\$28.77	8,627	D	
Common stock	03/01/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>		42	A	\$28.77	8,669	D	
Common stock - Spouse	03/01/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>		2	A	\$28.77	322	I	By Spouse
Common stock 401k	03/01/2006		A <sup>(3)</sup>		18	A	\$28.77	2,757	I	By 401(k)
Common stock 401k	03/01/2006		A <sup>(3)</sup>		43	A	\$28.77	6,299	I	By Spouse - 401(k)

**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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares acquired pursuant to the dividend/dividend reinvestment feature of SWX restricted stock plan, dividend paid on 3/1/06 with a record date of 2/15/06.
- Shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan, dividend paid on 3/1/06 with a record date of 2/15/06.
- Shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of SWX 401(k) plan, dividend paid 3/1/06.

By: Kathy M. Bailey, POA 03/02/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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