# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 24, 2015

# **SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 1-7850 (Commission File Number) **88-0085720** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5241 Spring Mountain Road
Post Office Box 98510
Las Vegas, Nevada
(Address of principal executive offices)

**89193-8510** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 876-7237
eck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following ovisions:
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 25, 2015, Southwest Gas Corporation (the "Company") released summary financial information to the general public, including the investment community, regarding the Company's operating performance for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2014. A copy of the Company's press release and summary financial information is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

The information provided under this Item 2.02 and the attached exhibit are provided under Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 24, 2015, as anticipated and previously discussed in a current report on Form 8-K filed by Southwest Gas Corporation (the "Company") on August 4, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company named John P. Hester President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), effective March 1, 2015. Jeffrey W. Shaw, the current CEO, will retire on March 1, 2015, but will continue to serve on the Company's Board. Mr. Hester will be nominated for election to the Board at the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Michael O. Maffie will not be nominated for re-election and will retire from the Board as of the 2015 annual meeting.

Mr. Hester, 52, a 25-year employee of the Company, has served as the Company's President since August 1, 2014, after being named Executive Vice President in 2013. From 2006 to 2013, Mr. Hester served as the Company's Senior Vice President/Regulatory Affairs and Energy Resources and as Vice President/Regulatory Affairs and Systems Planning from 2003 to 2006. Mr. Hester's base salary is \$460,000. In addition, he participates in the compensation arrangements described in the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2014, the relevant portions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant authorized.	has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly
	SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
Date: February 25, 2015	/s/ GREGORY J. PETERSON
	Gregory J. Peterson Vice President/Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99	Press Release and summary financial information dated February 25, 2015.



February 25, 2015

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For Immediate Release

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION ANNOUNCES 2014 EARNINGS

Las Vegas, Nev. - Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX) reported consolidated earnings of \$3.04 per basic share for 2014, a \$0.10 per share decrease from the \$3.14 per

basic share earned in 2013. Consolidated net income for 2014 was \$141.1 million, compared to \$145.3 million during 2013. The current year includes \$5.3 million, or \$0.11

per share, in other income associated with increases in the cash surrender values of company-owned life insurance ("COLI") policies. The prior-year included \$12.4 million,

or \$0.27 per share, in other income associated with COLI policies.

According to Jeffrey W. Shaw, Chief Executive Officer, "We are pleased to report 2014 earnings per share of \$3.04, the second highest in the Company's history. While this

was a reduction from the record-high \$3.14 per share reported for 2013, results were strong overall, and operating income reflected a modest increase. The overall lower

earnings resulted from a decline in COLI-related income." Shaw added, "The gas segment had a number of notable accomplishments as we increased our customer base by

1.4% to 1,930,000; successfully concluded two general rate cases; invested \$350 million in our distribution system to enhance integrity and satisfy growth requirements; and

received regulatory approval in Arizona to construct an LNG facility to enhance service reliability. Additionally, the acquisition of three construction service businesses was

completed during the fourth quarter of 2014. The acquisition creates

long-term opportunities for growth and expands our pipeline construction reach into Canada. Our construction services subsidiary, which includes NPL Construction Co. and the newly acquired businesses, is now referred to as Centuri. Centuri gave a strong performance in 2014, contributing a record \$24.3 million in net income compared to \$21.2 million in 2013."

During the fourth quarter of 2014, consolidated net income was \$58.7 million, or \$1.26 per basic share, versus \$57.3 million, or \$1.24 per basic share, for the fourth quarter of 2013. Construction services results (including those associated with the October acquisition) improved by \$2.4 million.

#### Natural Gas Operations Segment Results

#### Full Year 2014

Operating margin, defined as operating revenues less the cost of gas sold, increased \$13 million between years including a combined \$8 million of rate relief in the California jurisdiction and Paiute Pipeline Company. New customers contributed \$8 million of the increase during 2014 as approximately 26,000 net new customers were added during the last twelve months. Operating margin associated with customers outside the decoupling mechanisms and other miscellaneous revenues declined by \$3 million.

Operating expenses increased \$10.8 million, or 2%, between years primarily due to a \$10.3 million increase in depreciation and amortization expense associated with plant additions. In addition, taxes other than income taxes increased \$1.7 million between years due to higher property taxes in Arizona and Nevada. Lower pension costs and

employer-sponsored medical costs (which combined reduced operations and maintenance expense by \$9.5 million) offset other general cost increases.

Other income decreased \$5.1 million between years due to a \$7.1 million reduction in COLI-related income, partially offset by a \$2.1 million increase in interest income associated with under-collected purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") balances. Net interest deductions increased \$5.7 million between years, primarily due to interest costs associated with the issuance of debt in the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase was mitigated by higher interest expense in the prior year associated with PGA balances, which were in an over-collected status for the majority of 2013.

#### Fourth Quarter

Operating margin increased approximately \$1 million between quarters including a combined \$1 million of rate relief in the California jurisdiction and Paiute Pipeline Company. New customers contributed \$2 million in operating margin during the fourth quarter of 2014. Operating margin associated with customers outside the decoupling mechanisms and other miscellaneous revenues declined by \$2 million.

Operating expenses for the quarter declined by approximately \$2.9 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2013, as lower pension and employer-sponsored medical costs more than offset higher property taxes (primarily in Arizona) and higher depreciation expense (which resulted from additional plant in service).

Other income decreased approximately \$1.8 million between quarters. The current quarter reflects income from COLI policy cash surrender value changes of \$2.4 million, while the prior-year quarter included \$4.3 million in COLI-related income. COLI-related income in both periods was higher than expected, reflecting strong returns on investments underlying the policies.

#### Board Completes Previously Announced CEO Transition

Southwest Gas also announced today that its Board of Directors has completed the previously announced CEO transition with the election of Company President John Hester to the additional position of CEO, effective March 1, 2015 when Mr. Shaw will retire as an employee of the Company. Mr. Shaw will continue to serve on the Board, and Mr. Hester will be nominated for election to the Board at the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Additionally, Michael O. Maffie will not stand for re-election and will retire from the Board as of the 2015 annual meeting after years of admirable service to the Company and its shareholders.

"We have successfully built Southwest Gas into a highly regarded utility company that is well-positioned to meet the evolving energy needs of its customers and deliver lasting shareholder value," said Mr. Hester. "We have a proven business strategy, top performing utility and unregulated construction segments and one of the most talented teams in the industry, and I am honored to lead the Company into its next phase of growth."

Southwest Gas Corporation provides natural gas service to 1,930,000 customers in Arizona, Nevada, and California.

This press release may contain statements which constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (Reform Act). All such forward-looking statements are intended to be subject to the safe harbor protection provided by the Reform Act. A number of important factors affecting the business and financial results of the Company could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, customer growth rates, the effects of regulation/deregulation, the timing and amount of rate relief, changes in rate design, the earnings impact of the recent acquisition of construction services businesses, results of Centuri fixed-price contracts, and the impacts of stock market volatility.

## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS DIGEST

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	2014		2013		
Consolidated Operating Revenues	\$	2,121,707	\$	1,950,782	
Net Income	\$	141,126	\$	145,320	
Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding		46,494		46,318	
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$	3.04	\$	3.14	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	3.01	\$	3.11	
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31,		2014		2013	
Consolidated Operating Revenues	\$	627,683	\$	538,357	
Net Income	\$	58,746	\$	57,303	
Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding		46,521		46,351	
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$	1.26	\$	1.24	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	1.25	\$	1.22	

# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION SUMMARY UNAUDITED OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31,				YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2014 2013			2014		2013	
Results of Consolidated Operations							
Contribution to net income - gas operations	\$ 53,927	\$	54,852	\$	116,872	\$	124,169
Contribution to net income - construction services	4,819		2,451		24,254		21,151
Net income	\$ 58,746	\$	57,303	\$	141,126	\$	145,320
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.26	\$	1.24	\$	3.04	\$	3.14
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.25	\$	1.22	\$	3.01	\$	3.11
Average outstanding common shares	46,521		46,351		46,494		46,318
Average shares outstanding (assuming dilution)	46,992		46,833		46,944		46,758
Results of Natural Gas Operations							
Gas operating revenues	\$ 398,088	\$	372,654	\$	1,382,087	\$	1,300,154
Net cost of gas sold	143,007		118,259		505,356		436,001
Operating margin	255,081		254,395		876,731		864,153
Operations and maintenance expense	90,315		96,911		383,732		384,914
Depreciation and amortization	51,604		49,356		204,144		193,848
Taxes other than income taxes	 12,996		11,530		47,252		45,551
Operating income	100,166		96,598		241,603		239,840
Other income (deductions)	2,263		4,087		7,165		12,261
Net interest deductions	16,854		17,211		68,299		62,555
Income before income taxes	85,575		83,474		180,469		189,546
Income tax expense	31,648		28,622		63,597		65,377
Contribution to net income - gas operations	\$ 53,927	\$	54,852	\$	116,872	\$	124,169

#### SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION SELECTED STATISTICAL DATA DECEMBER 31, 2014

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Market value to book value per share at year end	193%
Twelve months to date return on equity total company	9.7%
gas segment	8.5%
Common stock dividend yield at year end	2.4%
Customer to employee ratio at year end (gas segment)	879 to 1

#### GAS OPERATIONS SEGMENT

			Authorized
	Authorized	Authorized	Return on
	Rate Base	Rate of	Common
Rate Jurisdiction	(In thousands)	Return	Equity
Arizona	\$ 1,070,117	8.95%	9.50%
Southern Nevada	825,190	6.47	10.00
Northern Nevada	115,933	7.88	9.30
Southern California	159,277	6.83	10.10
Northern California	67,620	8.18	10.10
South Lake Tahoe	25,389	8.18	10.10
Paiute Pipeline Company (1)	84,717	9.47	12.00

(1) Estimated amounts based on 2010 rate case settlement.

## SYSTEM THROUGHPUT BY CUSTOMER CLASS

	YEAR	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			
(In dekatherms)	2014	2013	2012		
Residential	61,737,720	74,132,682	65,504,592		
Small commercial	27,658,164	29,804,505	27,066,494		
Large commercial	9,439,074	10,276,061	11,658,260		
Industrial / Other	3,237,375	5,021,049	4,782,994		
Transportation	90,669,130	103,791,597	99,809,466		
Total system throughput	192,741,463	223,025,894	208,821,806		

# HEATING DEGREE DAY COMPARISON

Actual	1,416	1,917	1,737
Ten-year average	1,816	1,875	1,863

Heating degree days for prior periods have been recalculated using the current period customer mix.