

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported

( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Kropid, James J

5241 Spring Mountain Road

Las Vegas, NV 89103

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

12/31/99

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock						1,673 (5)	D	
Preferred Stock						1,500 (4)	D	

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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.125	7/15/97	A	1,660	A	(1) 7/14/07	Common Stock 1,660		1,660	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.9375	5/14/98	A	2,000	A	(2) 5.13.08	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.75	8/10/99	A	2,000	A	(3) 8/9/99	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests in three annual installments of 664 shares in 1998, 498 shares in 1999, and 498 shares in 2000, beginning on July 15, 1998.

(2) The option vests in three annual installments of 800 shares in 1999, 600 shares in 2000, and 600 shares in 2001, beginning on May 14, 1999.

(3) The option vests in three annual installments of 800 shares in 2000, 600 shares in 2001, and 600 shares in 2002, beginning on August 10, 2000.

(4) Southwest Gas Capital I - Trust Originated Preferred Securities.

(5) Includes 50 shares acquired in 1999 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ James J. Kropid by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact

DATE

2/1/00