

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 FORM 3
 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Kropid, James J

 5241 Spring Mountain Road
 Las Vegas, NV 89103
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 7/15/97
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
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4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Southwest Gas Corporation
 SWX
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
 7/24/97
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	549	I	James J. and Judith A. Kropid
Preferred Stock (2)	1500	I	Family Trust

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1) 7/14/07	Common Stock	1660 \$19.125	D	

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

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

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ James J. Kropid by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact
 DATE
 7/28/97