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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 27, 2012

**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

Check 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 provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 27, 2012, Southwest Gas Corporation (the "Company") announced an increase in the quarterly common stock dividend from \$0.265 per share to \$0.295 per share. The dividend is payable June 1, 2012 to holders of record as of May 16, 2012. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Date: February 27, 2012

/s/ GREGORY J. PETERSON

Gregory J. Peterson  
Vice President/Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99	Press Release of dividend increase dated February 27, 2012.

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# NEWS RELEASE



February 27, 2012

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SOUTHWEST GAS INCREASES THE QUARTERLY COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND AND DECLARES SECOND QUARTER 2012 DIVIDEND

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – The Board of Directors for Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX) has increased the **quarterly** common stock dividend from \$.265 per share to **\$.295** per share and has declared the following second quarter cash dividend:

### Common Stock

Payable	June 1, 2012
Of Record	May 16, 2012
Dividend	\$.295 per share

The dividend equates to **\$1.18** per share, a 12 cent or approximately 11 percent increase, on an annualized basis. The Company has paid quarterly dividends continuously since going public in 1956, and has raised its dividend in each of the past six years. Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Shaw noted, “We are pleased with the continued improvement in the stability of our revenues, cash flows, and capital structure. These factors, combined with the Company’s strong operating performance, have positioned us to again increase the dividend. Dividend increases are necessary to facilitate competitive and reasonable returns for our shareholders. Over time, the Board intends to increase the dividend such that our

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payout ratio approaches our local distribution company peer group average while maintaining our strong credit ratings and our ability to effectively fund future rate base growth. The timing and amount of any increases would be based upon the Board's continual review of our dividend rate in the context of the performance of the Company's two operating segments and their future growth prospects."

#### **About Southwest Gas**

Southwest Gas Corporation provides natural gas service to approximately 1.9 million customers in Arizona, Nevada, and California. For more information about Southwest Gas, please visit [www.swgas.com](http://www.swgas.com).

*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, future operating results, the effects of regulation/deregulation, the timing and amount of rate relief, and changes in rate design.*

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