## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hester John P</u>  |  |  |  |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [ SWX ] |  |  |        |   |                                    |              |                      | (Check all app<br>Direct             |  | licable)  | g Person(s) to Is  | Owner  |              |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|--------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD  |  |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2011 |   |  |  |        |   |                                    |              | X                    | below)                               |  | Other (specify below)   |  |  |              |
| (Street)  LAS VEO  (City)  |  |  | 89150-(<br>(Zip)                           | 0002  | 4. 11   | Amen   | dment  | , Date | of Origir   | nal File                           | ed (Month/Da | ay/Year)             |                                      | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X   | Form  | n filed by One<br>n filed by Mor                                   | Filing (Check A<br>Reporting Perse<br>than One Rep | son          |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |  |   |   |  |  |        |   |                                    |              |                      |                                      |  |   |  |  |              |
|  |  |  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                   |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  |        | 4. Securities Acquired (A<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, |                                    |              |                      |                                      | ount of<br>ties<br>cially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |              |
|  |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |        | Code  | v                                  | Amount       | (A) or<br>(D)        | Price                                |  |   | ted<br>action(s)<br>3 and 4)                                       |  | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common   | Stock  |  |  | 03/01/2   | 011   |  |  |        | A   |                                    | 104.533      | A                    | \$38                                 | .9527  | 34,0  | 74.5564  | D  |              |
| Common Stock   |  |  | 03/01/2011                                 |   |   |  |  | A      |   | 89.5188                            | A            | \$3                  | \$38.71 34                           |  | 64.0752   | D  |  |              |
| Common Stock   |  |  | 03/01/2011                                 |   |   |  |  | A      |   | 24.69                              | A            | \$3                  | \$38.71 34,1                         |  | 88.7652   | D  |  |              |
| Common   | Stock  |  |  | 03/01/2   | .011  |  |  |        | A   |                                    | 13.3412      | A                    | \$3                                  | 8.71   | 3,1   | 73.9964  | I  | By<br>401(k) |
| Common Stock   |  |  | 03/01/2011                                 |   |   |  | A  |        | 2.403   | A                                  | \$38         | \$38.9527            |                                      | 376.816  | I   | By<br>Spouse   |  |              |
| Common Stock   |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |        |   |                                    |              |                      |                                      | 42.5148  | I   | By IRA   |  |              |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |        |   |                                    |              |                      |                                      |  |   |  |  |              |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security            | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any                                     | ution Date, Transaction of                                  |   | rative<br>rities<br>sired<br>r<br>osed<br>)<br>(. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date |        |   | Amount of Do Securities Securities |              | Deri<br>Sec<br>(Ins: | rice of<br>vative<br>urity<br>tr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>((Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |              |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Karen W. Stanfield, POA

03/03/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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