UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Maffie, Michael 0.
5241 Spring Mountain Road
Las Vegas, NV 89102
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
January 1998
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applic)

- Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below) President and Chief Executive Officer
 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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

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Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Michael O. Maffie by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact DATE

2/10/98