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Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line)(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
December 1996 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
###-### 4. Statement for Month/Year
SWX 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
USA 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Southwest Gas Corporation
5241 Spring Mountain Las Vegas, NV 89102
 () Form 3 Holdings Reported () Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Jager, Michael B.
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).
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Explanation of Responses: (1) The option vests in three annual installments of 1,200 shares in 1997, 900 shares in 1998, and 900 shares in 1999, beginning on July 15,

1997. (2) Jager Family

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Trust
(3) Reporting person is trustee of trust of which wife is a beneficiary.
(4) Wife is trustee of Margaret Hahn Jager
Trust.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
Michael B. Jager by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact
NATE

DATE 2/5/97