

FORM 5
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).

() Form 3 Holdings Reported
() Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Lowman, James F.

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
12/31/99

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
() Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
(specify below)

Senior Vice President/Central Arizona Division

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D Price			
Common Stock					7625 (5)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					104 (6)	I	Custodian for children
Common Stock					11,541 (7)	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership
				Amount	A/D						
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15	7/15/96	A	15,000	A	(1) 7/14/06	Common Stock 15,000		15,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.125	7/15/97	A	3,750	A	(2) 7/14/07	Common Stock 3,750		3,750	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.0625	7/21/98	A	3,750	A	(3) 7/20/08	Common Stock 3,750		3,750	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.9375	7/20/99	A	3,750	A	(4) 7/19/09	Common Stock 3,750		3,750	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests in three annual installments of 6,000 shares in 1997, 4,500 shares in 1998, and 4,500 shares in 1999, beginning on July 15, 1997.

(2) The option vests in three annual installments of 1,500 shares in 1998, 1,125 shares in 1999, and 1,125 shares in 2000, beginning on July 15, 1998.

(3) The option vests in three annual installments of 1,500 shares in 1999, 1,125 shares in 2000, and 1,125 shares in 2001, beginning on July 21, 1999.

(4) The option vests in three annual installments of 1,500 shares in 2000, 1,125 shares in 2001, and 1,125 shares

in 2002, beginning on July 20,
2000.

(5) Includes 235 shares acquired in 1999 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401(k) plan.

(6) Includes 4 shares acquired in 1999 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.

(7) Includes 250 shares acquired in 1999 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of SWX restricted stock plan, and 96 shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/James F. Lowman by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact

DATE

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