UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 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)
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4. Statement for Month/Year December 1997
December 1997  F. If Amandment Data of Original (Month (Year))

- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other ( ) Director (specify below)

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

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## 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 199, and 1,125 shares
- in 2000, beginning on July 15,

1998.

(3) Includes 220 shares acquired June through December 1997 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of

the SWX 401(k)

- (4) Includes 4 shares acquired June through December 1997 pursuant to the dividenD reinvestment plan.
- (5) Includes 196 shares acquired June through December 1997 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of
- SWX restricted stock plan, and 22 shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan. SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

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

DATE 1/30/98