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Southwest Gas Announces Common Stock Offering

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LAS VEGAS, July 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX) plans to issue 2,500,000 shares of common stock in August 1998 in a public offering through an underwriting group led by Merrill Lynch & Co. The net proceeds from the stock issuance will be used to finance the construction and improvement of pipeline systems and facilities located in and around the communities served by Southwest, and for other general corporate purposes. Southwest provides natural gas service to approximately 1,171,000 customers in Arizona, Nevada and California.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any state. The offer is made only by the prospectus. Copies of the prospectus may be obtained from Merrill Lynch & Co., Investment Banking, World Financial Center, North Tower, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10281-1327.

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