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Southwest Gas Declares Third Quarter Dividend

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LAS VEGAS, July 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors for Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX) has declared the following third quarter cash dividend:

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Common Stock

Payable	September 3, 2002
Of Record	August 15, 2002
Dividend	\$.205 per share

The dividend equates to 82 cents per share on an annualized basis. The Company has paid quarterly dividends continuously since going public in 1956.

About Southwest Gas

Southwest Gas Corporation purchases, transports and distributes natural gas to approximately 1.4 million residential, commercial, industrial and other customers in geographically diverse portions of Arizona, Nevada and California. Its service territories are centered in the fastest-growing region of the country. For more information about Southwest Gas, please visit www.swgas.com

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