

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Guinn, Kenny C.

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

February 1997

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	2/4/97	S	44,332	D \$20		
Common Stock	2/5/97	S	10,000	D \$20	-0-	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Director or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/Kenny C. Guinn by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in Fact

DATE

2/20/97