
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 16, 1998

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-7850 (Commission File Number)	88-0085720 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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5241 Spring Mountain Road Post Office Box 98510 Las Vegas, Nevada (Address of principal executive offices)	89193-8510 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 876-7237

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) reported today that second quarter 1998 operating results are expected to exceed the consensus street estimate by more than two-thirds. Similar to the first quarter when earnings also exceeded analysts estimates, Southwest attributes the improvement to cooler temperatures, which extended into the April and May billing periods, customer expansion in the 90s, and timely rate relief. Southwest expects to release second quarter operating results during the last week of July 1998.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Date: July 16, 1998

/s/ EDWARD A. JANOV

Edward A. Janov
Vice President/Controller and
Chief Accounting Officer

