FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* CORTEZ MANUEL J					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [SWX]							elationship of ck all applica Director	able)	g Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ov		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2004								Officer (below)	give title		Other (s below)	pecify
(Street) LAS VE		V tate)	891500002 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Orig 05/07/2004				of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				Form fil	Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)	(3																
			ble I - Non-					-	Disp								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution Date,		Code (Instr.			5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Fo Reported	Form: (D) or		Direct Indirect I	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
							Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transactio				11341.47	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Transac Code (II (Month/Day/Year) 8)						f g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Transac (Instr. 4)		on(s)		
Stock Options (right to buy) 2004	\$22.85	05/06/2004	_	A		3,000 ⁽¹⁾		05/06/2005	05	5/05/2014 ⁽²⁾	Common stock	3,000	\$0	3,000	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock options vest in three annual installments of 1200 shares in 2005, 900 shares in 2006, and 900 shares in 2007.
- 2. Form 4 filed earlier in day had the wrong expiration date. The correct expiration date is 05/05/2014, not 05/06/2015.

Remarks:

05/07/2004 /s/ Cortez, Manuel J

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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