SOUTHWEST GAS CORP

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FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hester John P | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [SWX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD | | | 06/01/2006 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior VP/Regulatory Affairs | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common stock | 06/01/2006 | | A(1) | 41 | A | \$ 29.54 | 8,710 | D | |
| Common stock | 06/01/2006 | | A(2) | 18 | A | \$ 29.54 | 8,728 | D | |
| Common stock - Spouse | 06/01/2006 | | A(2) | 2 | A | \$ 29.54 | 324 | I | By Spouse |
| Common stock 401k | 06/01/2006 | | A(3) | 17 | A | \$ 29.54 | 2,774 | I | By 401(k) |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | · | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | Number | | |
| | | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hester John P Senior 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD VP/Regulatory LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002 **Affairs**

Signatures

By: Kathy M. 06/02/2006 Bailey, POA

**Signature of Reporting Date Person

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
- Pursuant to the stock dividend/dividend reinvestment feature of SWX restricted stock plan, paid dividend on 6/1/06 with a record date of **(1)** 5/15/06.
- (2) Shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan, dividend paid on 6/1/06 with a record date of 5/15/06.
- (3) Pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401(k) plan, dividend paid on 6/1/06.

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