

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

() Form 3 Holdings Reported
() Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Jager, Michael B.

5241 Spring Mountain
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)

4. Statement for Month/Year
12/31/99

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 Reporting (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. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D			
Common Stock					2375 (5)	D	
Common Stock					2000 (6)	I	By trust

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		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 Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D						
Stock Option	\$15	7/15/96	A	3,000	A	(1) 7/14/06	Common Stock	3,000	3,000	D	
(right to buy)											
Stock Option	\$17	5/8/97	A	2,000	A	(2) 5/7/07	Common Stock	2,000	2,000	D	
(right to buy)											
Stock Option	\$22.9375	5/14/98	A	2,000	A	(3) 5/13/08	Common Stock	2,000	2,000	D	
(right to buy)											
Stock Option	\$28.75	8/10/99	A	2,000	A	(4) 8/9/09	Comon Stock	2,000	2,000	D	
(right to buy)											

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests in three annual installments of 1,200 shares in 1997, 900 shares in 1998, and 900 shares in 1999, beginning on July 15, 1997.

(2) The option vests in three annual installments of 800 shares in 1998, 600 shares in 1999, and 600 shares in 2000, beginning on May 8, 1998.

(3) The option vests in three annual installments of 800 shares in 1999, 600 shares in 2000, and 600 shares in 2001, beginning on May 14, 1999.

(4) The option vests in three annual installments of 800 shares in 2000, 600 shares in 2001, and 600 shares in 2002, beginning on August 10, 2000.

(5) Includes 72 shares acquired in 1999 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.

(6) Wife is trustee of her own Margaret Hahn Jager
Trust.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/Michael B. Jager by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact
DATE
2/1/00