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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) November 4, 1996

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

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

In connection with the Southwest Gas Corporation Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-14605, included herewith as an exhibit is the consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

23.01 Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, Independent Public Accountants

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: November 4, 1996

/s/ EDWARD A/ JANOV

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



CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement No. 333-14605 of our report dated February 7, 1996 included in Southwest Gas Corporation's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995 and to all references to our Firm included in such registration statement.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Las Vegas, Nevada  
November 4, 1996