

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

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 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

12/31/2001

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)

President and Chief Executive Officer

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. 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					14,276 (2)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					64,131(3)	D	
Common Stock					43 (4)	I	Custodian for child
Common Stock					3,391	I	By spouse

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. 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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.36	07/17/2001	A	50,000	(1) 07/16/2011	Common Stock	50,000	50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests in three annual installments of 20,000 shares in 2002, 15,000 shares in 2003, and 15,000 shares in 2004, beginning July 17, 2002.
- (2) Includes 524 shares acquired in 2001 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401(k) plan.
- (3) Includes 1,971 shares acquired in 2001 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of SWX restricted stock plan.
- (4) Includes 2 share acquired in 2001 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.
- (5) Includes 124 shares acquired in 2001 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401(k) plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/Michael O. Maffie by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact
 DATE
 01/31/2002