

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Sheets, Thomas R.

 5241 Spring Mountain Road
 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)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

March 31, 1997

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

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

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

Vice President/General Counsel

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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) Amount | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | 6. Director (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock | 3/3/97 | A | 58 | | D | |
| Common Stock | 3/14/97 | S | 342 | 18.70 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | 2162 (2) | I | 401(k) Plan |

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) Amount | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | 10. Director (D) or Indirect (I) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 28 shares acquired in March pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX restricted stock plan.

(2) Includes 24 shares acquired in March pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401(k) plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Thomas R. Sheets by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in Fact

DATE

4/1/97