

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) July 21, 1999

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

Item 5. Other Events

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) expects its second quarter 1999 operating results to be better than analysts' estimates. Analysts' estimates range from a loss of \$0.40 to a loss of \$0.35 per share. Southwest anticipates its net loss will be approximately one-third of the consensus street estimate. Southwest attributes the improvement to colder-than-normal weather as its service territories experienced 37 percent more heating degree days than normal during April and May.

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: July 21, 1999

/s/ EDWARD A. JANOV

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