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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) March 23, 2004**

**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.)

**5241 Spring Mountain Road  
Post Office Box 98510  
Las Vegas, Nevada**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**89193-8510**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 876-7237**

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**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 23, 2004, Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) announced the retirement of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Michael O. Maffie effective June 2004. Mr. Maffie will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors has been planning for this eventuality for several years and intends to appoint Jeffrey W. Shaw, current President, as the new CEO. Several years ago the Company took steps to broaden and deepen the experience of senior management to provide for an orderly transition in succession planning. The appointment of Mr. Shaw to the position of CEO will complete this process, which included his promotion to President in July 2003.

Prior to his position as President, Mr. Shaw served as Senior Vice President/Gas Resources and Pricing, Senior Vice President/Finance and Treasurer as well as the Chief Accounting Officer. He joined Southwest Gas in 1988 as Director/Internal Audit.

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**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: March 23, 2004

/s/ ROY R. CENTRELLA

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Roy R. Centrella  
Vice President/Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer