

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 11-K

FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE, SAVINGS
AND SIMILAR PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934 [FEE REQUIRED]
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1993

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]
For the transitional period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-7850

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of
the issuer named below:

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of
its principal executive office:

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
5241 Spring Mountain Road, Post Office Box 98510
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510

Listed below are all financial statements and exhibits filed as a part of this Annual Report:

(a) Financial statements, including Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 1993 and 1992 and the related Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1993 and Notes to Financial Statements and Schedules I and II, together with the report thereon of Arthur Andersen & Co., independent public accountants (pages 3 - 16).

(b) Consent of Arthur Andersen & Co., independent public accountants.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the members of the Employees' 401(k) Plan of PriMerit Bank Committee have duly caused this Annual Report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN
OF PRIMERIT BANK

Date: June 20, 1994

By: /s/ Dan J. Cheever

Dan J. Cheever
President and
Chief Executive Officer

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993 AND 1992
AND FOR EACH OF THE THREE YEARS IN THE PERIOD ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1993
TOGETHER WITH AUDITORS' REPORT

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Employees' 401(k) Plan Committee of PriMerit Bank:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Employees' 401(k) Plan of PriMerit Bank (the plan) as of December 31, 1993 and 1992, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1993. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Plan Committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Plan Committee, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 1993 and 1992, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1993, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of investments held at December 31, 1993, and reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 1993, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

Las Vegas, Nevada
March 16, 1994

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 1993

	Southwest Gas Corp Common Stock Account	Guaranteed Account	Balanced Account	Core Equity Account	Total
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ASSETS					

Investments, at market value (Notes 2 and 3):					
Southwest Gas Corporation common stock	\$ 619,329	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 619,329
Guaranteed Account	--	1,438,457	--	--	1,438,457
Balanced Account	--	--	191,610	--	191,610
Core Equity Account	--	--	--	328,043	328,043
Dreyfus Treasury cash management fund	235	7	6	86	334
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	619,564	1,438,464	191,616	328,129	2,577,773
Notes receivable (Note 4)	--	42,485	--	1,500	43,985
Interest receivable	28	23	9	12	72
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	\$ 619,592	\$1,480,972	\$ 191,625	\$ 329,641	\$2,621,830
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LIABILITIES AND PLAN EQUITY					

Excess contributions payable:					
PriMerit Bank	\$ 4,013	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 4,013
Participants (Note 8)	14,838	1,204	15	179	16,236
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	18,851	1,204	15	179	20,249
Plan equity, at market value (Note 6)	600,741	1,479,768	191,610	329,462	2,601,581
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	\$ 619,592	\$1,480,972	\$ 191,625	\$ 329,641	\$2,621,830
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See notes to financial statements

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 1992

	Southwest Gas Corp Common Stock Account	Guaranteed Account	Balanced Account	Core Equity Account	Total
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ASSETS					

Investments, at market value (Notes 2 and 3):					
Southwest Gas Corporation common stock	\$ 472,849	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 472,849
Guaranteed Account	--	1,298,772	--	--	1,298,772
Balanced Account	--	--	182,523	--	182,523
Core Equity Account	--	--	--	345,890	345,890
Dreyfus Treasury cash management fund	1,292	10,226	3,599	6,755	21,872
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	474,141	1,308,998	186,122	352,645	2,321,906
Notes receivable (Note 4)	--	39,134	--	--	39,134
Interest receivable	12	6	2	3	23
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	\$ 474,153	\$1,348,138	\$ 186,124	\$ 352,648	\$2,361,063
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LIABILITIES AND PLAN EQUITY					

Excess contributions payable:					
PriMerit Bank	\$ 1,573	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1,573
Participants (Note 8)	--	19,870	1,039	4,898	25,807
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	1,573	19,870	1,039	4,898	27,380
Plan equity, at market value (Note 6)	472,580	1,328,268	185,085	347,750	2,333,683
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	\$ 474,153	\$1,348,138	\$ 186,124	\$ 352,648	\$2,361,063
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EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 1993

	Southwest Gas Corp Common Stock Account	Guaranteed Account	Balanced Account	Core Equity Account	Total
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Investment income:					
Dividends	\$ 27,641	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 27,641
Interest	351	359	78	127	915
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	27,992	359	78	127	28,556
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Realized gain on investments:					
Aggregate cost	137,585	342,985	77,704	146,099	704,373
Aggregate proceeds	163,879	350,132	81,407	152,518	747,936
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Net gain	26,294	7,147	3,703	6,419	43,563
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Unrealized appreciation of investments	48,016	91,133	17,986	30,437	187,572
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Contributions:					
PriMerit Bank	189,738	--	--	--	189,738
Participants	--	352,070	66,165	97,247	515,482
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	189,738	352,070	66,165	97,247	705,220
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Distributions to participants and beneficiaries	(142,073)	(350,132)	(72,990)	(110,048)	(675,243)
Administrative expenses (Note 1)	(21,770)	--	--	--	(21,770)
Transfer between funds	(36)	50,923	(8,417)	(42,470)	--
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Net increase (decrease) in plan equity	128,161	151,500	6,525	(18,288)	267,898
Plan equity, beginning of year	472,580	1,328,268	185,085	347,750	2,333,683
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Plan equity, end of year	\$ 600,741	\$1,479,768	\$ 191,610	\$ 329,462	\$2,601,581
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EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 1992

	Southwest Gas Corp Common Stock Account	Guaranteed Account	Balanced Account	Core Equity Account	Total
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Investment income:					
Dividends	\$ 22,227	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 22,227
Interest	198	169	38	70	475
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	22,425	169	38	70	22,702
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Realized gain on investments:					
Aggregate cost	51,160	150,571	19,604	31,562	252,897
Aggregate proceeds	63,832	155,407	19,147	30,790	269,176
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Net gain (loss)	12,672	4,836	(457)	(772)	16,279
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Unrealized appreciation of investments	80,062	83,437	10,852	9,884	184,235
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Contributions:					
PriMerit Bank	113,519	--	--	--	113,519
Participants	--	334,542	52,270	87,906	474,718
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	113,519	334,542	52,270	87,906	588,237
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Distributions to participants and beneficiaries	(38,284)	(126,376)	(19,147)	(30,790)	(214,597)
Administrative expenses (Note 1)	(21,592)	--	--	--	(21,592)
Transfer between funds	--	(32,755)	7,902	24,853	--
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Net increase in plan equity	168,802	263,853	51,458	91,151	575,264
Plan equity, beginning of year	303,778	1,064,415	133,627	256,599	1,758,419
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Plan equity, end of year	\$ 472,580	\$1,328,268	\$ 185,085	\$ 347,750	\$2,333,683
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EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 1991

	Southwest Gas Corp Common Stock Account	Guaranteed Account	Balanced Account	Core Equity Account	Total
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Investment income:					
Dividends	\$ 26,854	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 26,854
Interest	273	171	19	30	493
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	27,127	171	19	30	27,347
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Realized gain on investments:					
Aggregate cost	54,040	171,679	12,904	29,718	268,341
Aggregate proceeds	49,490	176,645	13,649	33,545	273,329
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Net gain (loss)	(4,550)	4,966	745	3,827	4,988
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Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(63,347)	70,134	24,253	44,871	75,911
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Contributions:					
PriMerit Bank	88,738	--	--	--	88,738
Participants	--	330,547	37,692	63,071	431,310
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	88,738	330,547	37,692	63,071	520,048
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Distributions to participants and beneficiaries	(44,927)	(106,890)	(10,408)	(30,947)	(193,172)
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Administrative expenses (Note 1)	(9,728)	--	--	--	(9,728)
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Transfer between funds	(1,099)	(44,821)	2,360	43,560	--
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Net increase (decrease) in plan equity	(7,786)	254,107	54,661	124,412	425,394
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Plan equity, beginning of year	311,564	810,308	78,966	132,187	1,333,025
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Plan equity, end of year	\$ 303,778	\$1,064,415	\$ 133,627	\$ 256,599	\$1,758,419
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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Employees' 401(k) Plan (the Plan) of PriMerit Bank (the Bank) provides summary information regarding the Plan.

General

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Effective January 1, 1988 the Bank offered to all its eligible employees participation in a voluntary defined contribution plan. All employees who were employed by the Bank on January 1, 1988 and who were at least age 21 on that date became participants on January 1, 1988. An employee hired after that date or reaching age 21 after that date is eligible to participate in the Plan on the applicable entry date on or following the date on which the employee reaches age 21 and has completed one year of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

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Participants may contribute from one percent to ten percent of their annual wages, including bonuses, overtime pay and commissions. During 1993, the Bank's contribution was 50 percent of participants contributions not exceeding 3 percent of a participant's annual wages. During 1992 and 1991, the Bank contributed 25 percent of a participant's contributions not exceeding 1.5 percent of a participant's annual wages.

All of the Bank's contributions are invested in Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) common stock. The Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary.

Vesting

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Participants are immediately 100 percent vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the contributions made by the Bank and in any earnings thereon is determined based on years of service with the Bank as follows:

Years of Service -----	Vested Percentage -----
1	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6 or more	100%

A participant will receive a year of service if the participant has worked at least 1000 hours in a Plan year.

Withdrawals from the Plan

The Plan permits distributions from participants' accounts when any of the following events occur: (1) participant reaches normal or deferred retirement age; (2) participant becomes permanently disabled while employed by the Bank; (3) participant dies while employed by the Bank; (4) participant terminates employment with the Bank; (5) participant qualifies under a hardship withdrawal or a loan to withdraw amounts from the Plan and (6) the Bank terminates the Plan. All distributions from the Plan, except hardship withdrawals and loans, less than \$3,500 will be paid in a single lump sum, while distributions greater than \$3,500 from the Plan are made in the form of an annuity contract. A participant, or their beneficiary, may elect to waive the annuity form of distribution in favor of a single lump sum. Distributions, other than hardship withdrawals and loans, will be paid shortly after the end of the Plan year (or sooner, if administratively convenient) in the form selected by the participant or beneficiary.

Plan Expenses

Plan expenses were paid by the Plan via participants' forfeitures with the Bank paying any excess.

Plan Administration

Bank of America acts as the trustee and the Bank is the administrator for all activities of the Plan.

NOTE 2: VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

All investments of the Plan are stated at quoted market value. The units of participation in the Guaranteed, Balanced and Core Equity accounts are valued based upon original cost plus accumulated net interest income and changes in value of the underlying investments.

NOTE 3: ACCOUNT DESCRIPTIONS

A description of the Plan accounts is as follows:

SOUTHWEST COMMON STOCK ACCOUNT - The Bank's contributions are invested in common stock of its parent. At December 31, 1993, the Plan holds 38,708 shares of Southwest Gas common stock.

GUARANTEED ACCOUNT - The account invests primarily in high-quality bonds and mortgages. The assets of the account are backed by the general assets of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln Life) and are invested the same way as Lincoln Life's general investment account. The account guarantees principal, a minimum rate of return and a current interest crediting rate. At December 31, 1993, the Plan holds 1,121,460 units of the Guaranteed Account.

BALANCED ACCOUNT - The account invests in a combination of stocks, bonds and money market instruments. At December 31, 1993, the Plan holds 58,539 units of the Balanced Account.

CORE EQUITY ACCOUNT - The account invests primarily in large capitalization stocks of well-established companies. At December 31, 1993, the Plan holds 66,092 units of the Core Equity Account.

Lincoln National Investment Management Company (LNIMC) serves as the primary investment advisor for the Guaranteed, Balanced and Core Equity Accounts. The Guaranteed and Balanced Accounts are managed by LNIMC. The Core Equity Account is managed by Vantage Global Advisors.

Participants' contributions can be divided among the three investment options. The number of employees participating in each account during the three years ended December 31, are as follows:

Year	Southwest Common Stock Account	Guaranteed Account	Balanced Account	Core Equity Account
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1993	366	335	134	146
1992	345	331	127	135
1991	292	275	91	105

The total number of employees eligible to participate and the number participating in the Plan during each of the three years ended December 31, are as follows:

Year	Eligible	Participating	Not Participating
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1993	684	366	318
1992	598	345	253
1991	525	292	233

NOTE 4: NOTES RECEIVABLE

The Plan provides that participants may borrow against the balances in their accounts, subject to certain limitations specified in the Plan. Funds for loans are obtained through liquidation of participants' investment accounts. Payments on the loans include interest at a rate at or above the prime interest rate.

NOTE 5: DISTRIBUTIONS AND FORFEITURES

The balances in the accounts of participating employees in Southwest common stock who withdrew from the Plan and the amounts

disbursed or to be disbursed (see Note 6) to such employees in settlement thereof during each of the three years in the period ended December 31, were as follows:

1993 -----		
	Cost -----	Market -----
Balance in employees' account before withdrawals	\$ 162,273	\$ 190,359
Cash and securities disbursed in settlement thereof	(142,481)	(167,253)
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Balances forfeited - non-vested portion	\$ 19,792	\$ 23,106
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1992 -----		
	Cost -----	Market -----
Balance in employees' account before withdrawals	\$ 64,036	\$ 80,888
Cash and securities disbursed in settlement thereof	(56,331)	(71,228)
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Balances forfeited - non-vested portion	\$ 7,705	\$ 9,660
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1991 -----		
	Cost -----	Market -----
Balance in employees' account before withdrawals	\$ 48,127	\$ 42,407
Cash and securities disbursed in settlement thereof	(40,887)	(36,358)
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Balances forfeited - non-vested portion	\$ 7,240	\$ 6,049
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NOTE 6: PLAN EQUITY

Plan equity at December 31, 1993 and 1992 includes withdrawing participants' accounts with aggregate market value of \$273,934 and \$166,050, respectively. These amounts became payable subsequent to year end.

At December 31, 1993, the trustee held for the Plan the following:

	Southwest Common Stock Account -----	Guaranteed Account -----	Balanced Account -----	Core Equity Account -----
Shares or units held by the trustee	38,708	1,121,460	58,539	66,092
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Market value per share or unit	\$ 16.00	\$ 1.28	\$ 3.27	\$ 4.96
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Average unrealized market appreciation per unit	\$ 2.25	\$.08	\$.35	\$.51
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The average unrealized market appreciation per unit is not necessarily the same as the unrealized market appreciation per unit of a particular participant. Each participant's average unrealized market appreciation per share or unit at December 31, 1993 can be determined as the difference between the average cost of all units purchased for the participant's account and the market value per unit at such date.

NOTE 7: PLAN TERMINATION

Although the Bank expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, it reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time. Upon termination or complete discontinuance of contributions to the Plan, the participants will become 100 percent vested in all Bank contributions already allocated to participants' accounts.

NOTE 8: FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The Bank has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the Plan, effective March 19, 1992, qualifies for deferred tax treatment of contribution under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Code requires that the Plan, on an annual basis, meet certain average deferral percentage tests in order to maintain its qualified plan status. At December 31, 1993 and 1992, the Plan did not comply with the average deferral percentage tests. In order to retain its qualified plan status, the Plan returned deferrals of \$1,398 and \$25,807 to participants for the years ended December 31, 1993 and 1992, respectively, and returned \$14,838 of the Bank's contributions to participants for the year ended December 31, 1993. In addition, \$4,013 and \$1,573 of the Bank's contributions were returned to the Bank for the years ended December 31, 1993 and 1992, respectively.

NOTE 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

At the Bank's March 1, 1994 Board of Directors' meeting the Board approved increasing the Bank's 401(k) Plan match to 100 percent of a participant's contributions not exceeding 6 percent of the participant's annual wages. In addition, the Board approved (1) increasing the maximum contribution percentage from 10 percent of annual wages to 15 percent of annual wages; (2) adding two additional investment alternatives - a government/corporate bond account and a large capitalization account and (3) amending the Plan document due to certain changes in the Internal Revenue Code. The changes are effective April 1, 1994.

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS ITEM 27a
HELD AT DECEMBER 31, 1993

	Shares/Units -----	Cost -----	Value -----
Southwest Common Stock Account	38,708	\$ 568,841	\$ 619,329
Guaranteed Account	1,121,460	\$1,348,142	\$1,438,457
Balanced Account	58,539	\$ 173,621	\$ 191,610
Core Equity Account	66,092	\$ 297,719	\$ 328,043
Dreyfus Treasury Cash Management Fund	334	\$ 334	\$ 334

EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN OF PRIMERIT BANK
 SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS ITEM 27d
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1993

Description	Purchases		Sales			Gain (Loss)
	Number of Transactions	Cost	Number of Transactions	Proceeds	Original Cost	
Guaranteed Account	10	\$ 205,100	4	\$ 163,730	\$ 160,388	\$3,342
Dreyfus Treasury Cash Management Fund	133	\$1,242,293	123	\$1,263,915	\$1,263,915	--

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of our report included in this Form 11-K, into Southwest Gas Corporation's previously filed Registration Statement File No. 33-35737.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

Las Vegas, Nevada
June 24, 1994