
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) February 27, 2009

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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01**Other Events.**

On February 27, 2009, Southwest Gas Corporation (the "Company") announced an increase in the quarterly common stock dividend from \$0.225 per share to \$0.2375 per share. The dividend is payable June 1, 2009 to holders of record as of May 15, 2009. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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: February 27, 2009

/s/ ROY R. CENTRELLA

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit
No.**

Description

99 Press Release of dividend increase dated February 27, 2009.

NEWS RELEASE



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

February 27, 2009

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SOUTHWEST GAS INCREASES THE QUARTERLY COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND AND DECLARES SECOND QUARTER 2009 DIVIDEND

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — The Board of Directors for Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX) has increased the **quarterly** common stock dividend from \$.225 per share to **\$.2375** per share and has declared the following second quarter cash dividend:

	<u>Common Stock</u>
Payable	June 1, 2009
Of Record	May 15, 2009
Dividend	\$.2375 per share

The dividend equates to **95 cents** per share, a five cent or approximately six percent increase, on an annualized basis. The Company has paid quarterly dividends continuously since going public in 1956 and has raised its dividend three consecutive years. The dividend increase reflects the continued progress Southwest has made in strengthening its cash flows and capital structure. Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Shaw noted, “While economic turmoil at the national level has clouded the forecast for near-term customer growth, the financial condition of Southwest is solid. In addition to improved cash flows and capital structure, our financing needs have decreased and our liquidity remains strong. The

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dividend increase is an important ingredient to facilitate our continued favorable access to the capital markets to fund ongoing infrastructure needs.”

About Southwest Gas

Southwest Gas Corporation provides natural gas service to approximately 1.8 million customers in Arizona, Nevada, and California. For more information about Southwest Gas, please visit www.swgas.com.

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