

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 10, 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.)

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On February 10, 1999, Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) released summary financial information to the general public, including the investment community, regarding the Company's operating performance and financial position for the quarter ended December 31, 1998. The financial information released is included herein. This information is summary in nature and should not be considered complete financial statements.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

99 Financial Analyst Report - Fourth Quarter 1998

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 10, 1999

/s/ EDWARD A. JANOV

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

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
Gas operating revenues	\$ 231,988	\$ 200,352	\$ 799,597	\$ 614,665
Net cost of gas sold	83,595	59,508	329,849	209,338
Operating margin	148,393	140,844	469,748	405,327
Operations and maintenance expenses	55,376	52,994	209,172	201,159
Depreciation, amortization, and general taxes	28,822	26,251	111,877	103,921
Operating income	64,195	61,599	148,699	100,247
Net interest deductions	15,478	16,559	62,284	61,751
Preferred securities distribution	1,369	1,369	5,475	5,475
Pretax utility income	47,348	43,671	80,940	33,021
Utility income tax expense	20,722	13,015	33,464	8,922
Net utility income	26,626	30,656	47,476	24,099
Other income (expense), net	(2,433)	(7,849)	(2,646)	(8,274)
Contribution to net income - gas operations	24,193	22,807	44,830	15,825
Contribution to net income - construction services	850	528	2,707	644
Net income	\$ 25,043	\$ 23,335	\$ 47,537	\$ 16,469
Earnings per share - gas operations	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.83	\$ 1.57	\$ 0.59
Earnings per share - construction services	0.03	0.02	0.09	0.02
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.66	\$ 0.61
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.65	\$ 0.61
Average outstanding common shares	30,339	27,303	28,611	27,069
Average shares outstanding (assuming dilution)	30,591	27,442	28,815	27,193

The summary statements of income have been prepared by Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) using the equity method of accounting for its construction services subsidiary. This presentation is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals (GAAP). However, it produces the same net income as the consolidated financial statements and, in management's opinion, is a fair representation of the operations and contributions to net income of the Company's operating segments.

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SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1998	1997	1996
Gas operating revenues	\$ 799,597	\$ 614,665	\$ 546,361
Net cost of gas sold	329,849	209,338	187,580
Operating margin	469,748	405,327	358,781
Operations and maintenance expenses	209,172	201,159	198,364
Depreciation, amortization, and general taxes	111,877	103,921	95,599
Operating income	148,699	100,247	64,818
Net interest deductions	62,284	61,751	53,003
Preferred securities distribution	5,475	5,475	5,475
Pretax utility income	80,940	33,021	6,340
Utility income tax expense	33,464	8,922	1,997
Net utility income	47,476	24,099	4,343
Other income (expense), net	(2,646)	(8,274)	(424)
Contribution to net income - gas operations	44,830	15,825	3,919
Contribution to net income - construction services	2,707	644	2,655
Net income	\$ 47,537	\$ 16,469	\$ 6,574
Earnings per share - gas operations	\$ 1.57	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.15
Earnings per share - construction services	0.09	0.02	0.10
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.66	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.25
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.65	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.25
Average outstanding common shares	28,611	27,069	25,888
Average shares outstanding (assuming dilution)	28,815	27,193	25,955

See Notes to Summary Financial Statements.

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET
AT DECEMBER 31, 1998
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

ASSETS		
UTILITY PLANT		
Gas plant, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 1,411,882	
Construction work in progress	47,480	

Net utility plant	1,459,362	

OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS		
Investment in construction services subsidiary	27,746	
Other	45,199	

Total other property and investments	72,945	

CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS		
Cash, working funds and temporary cash investments	13,352	
Receivables - less reserve of \$1,345 for uncollectibles	68,061	
Accrued utility revenue	56,873	
Deferred purchased gas costs	57,595	
Other	25,800	

Total current and accrued assets	221,681	

DEFERRED DEBITS		
Unamortized debt expense	18,355	
Other deferred debits	27,059	

Total deferred debits	45,414	

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,799,402	
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES		
CAPITALIZATION		
Common stockholders' equity		
Common stock equity, \$1 par, 30,410 shares outstanding	\$ 456,880	
Retained earnings	19,520	

Total common stockholders' equity	476,400	35.6%
Preferred securities of Southwest Gas Capital I, 9.125%	60,000	4.5
Long-term debt - NOTE 2	803,416	59.9
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Total capitalization	1,339,816	100.0%
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CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES		
Notes payable	52,000	
Accounts payable	58,755	
Customer deposits	24,333	
Taxes accrued (including income taxes)	33,701	
Other	63,277	

Total current and accrued liabilities	232,066	

DEFERRED CREDITS		
Deferred investment tax credits	17,271	
Deferred income taxes	160,844	
Other	49,405	

Total deferred credits	227,520	

TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	\$ 1,799,402	
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See Notes to Summary Financial Statements.

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS:	
Net income	\$ 47,537
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	80,231
Change in receivables and payables	(7,656)
Change in gas cost related balancing items	31,146
Change in accrued taxes	31,809
Change in deferred taxes	688
Allowance for funds used during construction	(2,362)
Other	13,329

Net cash provided by operating activities	194,722

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Construction expenditures	(179,313)
Other	(768)

Net cash used in investing activities	(180,081)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Net proceeds from stock issuances	67,180
Dividends paid	(23,676)
Change in notes payable	(90,000)
Long-term debt issuances, net	31,864

Net cash used in financing activities	(14,632)

Change in cash and temporary cash investments	9
Cash at beginning of period	13,343

Cash at end of period	\$ 13,352
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:	
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 60,175
Income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 4,490

See Notes to Summary Financial Statements.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
NOTES TO SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

The summary financial statements have been prepared by Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) using the equity method of accounting for its construction services subsidiary. This presentation is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted. The summary financial statement presentation in this report produces the same net income as the consolidated financial statements and, in management's opinion, is a fair representation of the operations and contributions to net income of the Company's operating segments.

NOTE 2 - LONG-TERM DEBT:

Term loan facility	\$ 200,000
Debentures and notes:	
Debentures, 9.75% series F, due 2002	100,000
Debentures, 7.50% series, due 2006	75,000
Debentures, 8% series, due 2026	75,000
Medium-term notes, 7.59% series, due 2017	25,000
Medium-term notes, 7.78% series, due 2022	25,000
Medium-term notes, 7.92% series, due 2027	25,000
Medium-term notes, 6.89% series, due 2007	17,500
Medium-term notes, 6.76% series, due 2027	7,500
Medium-term notes, 6.27% series, due 2008	25,000
Industrial development revenue bonds:	
Variable-rate bonds, Series A, due 2028 - net of funds held in trust	30,316
7.30% 1992 Series A, due 2027	30,000
7.50% 1992 Series B, due 2032	100,000
6.50% 1993 Series A, due 2033	75,000
Unamortized discount on long-term debt	(6,900)

TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ 803,416
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ESTIMATED CURRENT MATURITIES	\$ --
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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
 SELECTED STATISTICAL DATA
 DECEMBER 31, 1998

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Market value to book value per share at year end	170%
Twelve months to date return on equity -- total company	11.0%
-- gas segment	10.8%
Common stock dividend yield at year end	3.1%

GAS OPERATIONS SEGMENT

Rate Jurisdiction	Authorized Rate Base (In thousands)	Authorized Rate of Return	Authorized Return on Common Equity
Arizona (1)	\$ 541,104	9.38%	11.25%
Southern Nevada (1)	237,165	9.50	11.55
Northern Nevada (1)	63,986	9.67	11.55
Southern California	69,486	9.94	11.35
Northern California	21,825	10.02	11.35
Paiute Pipeline Company (1)	61,602	9.69	11.60

(1) Estimated amounts based on rate case settlements.

SYSTEM THROUGHPUT BY CUSTOMER CLASS

(In dekatherms)	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1998	1997	1996
Residential	58,694,167	50,554,880	45,050,591
Small commercial	26,993,684	24,660,541	23,834,362
Large commercial	7,932,567	7,654,182	7,502,980
Industrial / Other	16,705,989	8,603,601	5,444,985
Transportation	100,137,195	103,085,729	96,820,733
Total system throughput	210,463,602	194,558,933	178,653,651

HEATING DEGREE DAY COMPARISON	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1998	1997	1996
Actual	2,321	1,971	1,900
Ten-year average	2,043	2,018	2,036