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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) February 24, 2011

**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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 24, 2011, Southwest Gas Corporation (the "Company") announced an increase in the quarterly common stock dividend from \$0.25 per share to \$0.265 per share. The dividend is payable June 1, 2011 to holders of record as of May 16, 2011. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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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: February 24, 2011

/s/ GREGORY J. PETERSON

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Gregory J. Peterson  
Vice President/Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99	Press Release of dividend increase dated February 24, 2011.

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# NEWS RELEASE



February 24, 2011

Media Contact: Cynthia Messina (702) 876-7132

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SOUTHWEST GAS INCREASES THE QUARTERLY COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND AND DECLARES SECOND QUARTER 2011 DIVIDEND

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – The Board of Directors for Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX) has increased the **quarterly** common stock dividend from \$.25 per share to **\$.265** per share and has declared the following second quarter cash dividend:

### Common Stock

Payable	June 1, 2011
Of Record	May 16, 2011
Dividend	\$.265 per share

The dividend equates to **\$1.06** per share, a six cent or six percent increase, on an annualized basis. The Company has paid quarterly dividends continuously since going public in 1956, and has raised its dividend in each of the past five years. Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Shaw noted, “We are pleased with the improved stability of our revenues and cash flows, and our stronger capital structure. These factors, combined with the Company’s improved operating performance have positioned us to be able to again increase the dividend. Dividend increases are necessary to facilitate competitive and reasonable returns for our shareholders.”

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**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](http://www.swgas.com).

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