## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $^{\star}$ $\underline{SHEETS\ THOMAS\ R}$						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [ SWX ]									eck all app Direc	olicable) ctor	g Person(s) to Is	Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2005									belov	,	Other below eral Counsel	(specify
(Street) LAS VEGAS NV 891500000 (City) (State) (Zip)			)2	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	e) <mark>X</mark> Forn Forn	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		A) or , 4 and	Securi Benefi Owner	cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount (/		or	Price	Repor Transa (Instr.	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common stock 09/01/2					/2005	2005			J <sup>(1)</sup>		115.52	2 .	A	\$27.5	5 15	,639.52	D	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/		Date, ay/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount of Amount or Number of Shares		unt	s. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Pursuant to the stock dividend/dividend reinstment feature of SWX restricted stock plan, paid dividend on 9/1/05 with a record date of 8/15/05.

By: Kathy M. Bailey, POA 09/01/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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