

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

(X) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Stewart, Leonard Keith

5241 Spring Mountain Road  
 Las Vegas, NV 89102  
 USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Southwest Gas Corporation  
 SWX

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year  
 March 1997

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  Officer (give title below)  Other  
 (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President/Operations

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	3/3/97	A	V	183	A			
	3/3/97	F	V	336	D	18.50		
	3/12/97	F	V	1126	D	18.50	6118 (1)	D
Common Stock						376 (2)	I	401(k) Plan

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 53 shares acquired in March pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX restricted stock plan and 29 shares acquired in March pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.

(2) Includes 4 shares acquired in March pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401(k) plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ L. Keith Stewart by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in Fact

DATE

4/1/97