

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 ( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Centrella, Roy R  
 5241 Spring Mountain Road  
 Las Vegas, NV 89140  
 USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Southwest Gas Corporation  
 SWX

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

12/31/2002

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)

Vice President/Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line)

(X) 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) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock					6,163 (2)	D		
Common Stock					3,087 (3)	I	401(k)	

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) Amount	A/D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$21.74	07/16/2002	A	5,000	A	(1) 07/15/12	Common Stock 5,000		5,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests in three annual installment of 2,000 shares in 2003, 1,500 shares in 2004, and 1,500 shares in 2005, beginning on July 16, 2003.

(2) Includes 68 shares acquired pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.

(3) Includes 52 shares acquired during 2002 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401 (k) plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Roy R. Centrella by Kathy M. Bailey, Attorney in fact

DATE

02/13/2003