UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 5 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 Sondeno, Dudley J. 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)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year December 1997
- 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)

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

- Senior Vice President/Chief Knowledge and Technology 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

| 1. Title of Security  |   | 3<br>nsact:<br>e  Co  | ion   | .Securities<br>or Disposed<br>Amount                                      | d of (D)   | A/   |  | 5.Amount   Securit   Benefic   Owned a   End of                           | ies<br>ially<br>t                                     | 6.Di<br> ect<br> (D)o<br> Indi<br> ect( | r  <br>r  | of Indirect<br>cial Ownership   |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Common Stock  | ı   | ı   | ı   |   | ı  | ı  |  | 6092 (3)  |   | D                                       | ı   |   |
| Common Stock  |   | 1   | 1   |   |  |  |  | 2369 (4)  |   | I                                       | 401(k) Pl   | an  |
| Common Stock  | 1   | 1   | 1   |   | 1  | 1  |  | 76 (5)  |   | ΙI                                      | Custodian   | n for   |
|   |   | 1   | 1   |   |  | 1  |  | 1   |   | 1                                       | Children  |   |
| Table II Derivative  1.Title of Derivative Security                   | 2.Con   | 3.  | 4.  | d, Disposed  5.Number o   | of De  6   | .Date E  | Exer 7.  |   |   |   | 9.Number  | 10. 11.Nature o   |
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| 1.Title of Derivative Security  Employee Stock Option                 | 2.Con<br> version<br> or Exer<br> cise Pr<br> ice of<br> Deriva<br> tive<br> Secu<br> rity          | 3.<br> Trans<br> Date<br> <br>      | 4.<br>sacti<br> Cod<br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br>  | 5.Number of on rivative e   rities Ac   red(A) or   posed of(             | Def De   6 Secu   C: cequi   E: cequi   E: cequi   D: cequi   C: c | .Date E isable xpirati ate (Mon ay/Year ate  Ex xer- at isa- Da le                   | Exer 7. and  on   ath/  c)   spir  cion  ate   | Title and An of Underlying Securities                                     | ng  <br> | of Deri<br>vative<br>Secu<br>rity       | of Deriva<br> tive<br> Securities<br> Benefi<br> ficially<br> Owned at<br> End of                 | Dir Indirect<br> ect Beneficial<br> (D) Ownership<br> or  <br> Ind <br> ire <br> ct           |
| 1.Title of Derivative Security  Employee Stock Option  (right to buy) | 2.Con<br> version<br> or Exer<br> cise Pr<br> ice of<br> Deriva<br> tive<br> Secu<br> rity          | 3.<br> Trans<br> Date<br> <br> | 4.<br>sacti<br> Cod<br> <br>                          | 5.Number of con rivative e   rities Ac   red(A) or   posed of (           | Dif De   6 Secu   C: cqui   E: c Dis   Da   Da   DA   E:   D   C:     D   C:       D:     A   (:   | .Date E isable xpirati ate (Mon ay/Year ate  Ex xer- at isa- Da le                   | Exer 7. and  on   ath/  c)   spir  cion  ate     (14/ Cc)  | Title and An of Underlying Securities  Title and In of Shares             | ng  | of Deri<br>vative<br>Secu<br>rity       | of Deriva<br>  tive<br>  Securities<br>  Benefi<br>  ficially<br>  Owned at<br>  End of<br>  Year | Dir Indirect<br> ect Beneficial<br> (D) Ownership<br> or  <br> Ind <br> ire <br> ct  <br> (I) |
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## Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests in three annual installments of 10,000 shares in 1997,
- 7,500 shares in 1998, and 7,500

shares in 1999, beginning on July 15,

1997.

- (2) The option vests in three annual installments of 2,500 shares in 1998,
- 1,875 shares in 1999, and 1,875 shares
- in 2000, beginning on July 15,

1998.

(3) Includes197 shares acquired June through December 1997 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of

SWX restricted stock

- (4) Includes 73 shares acquired June through December 1997 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of
- the SWX 401(k)

- (5) Includes 3 shares acquired June through December 1997 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.
- SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
- /s/Dudley J. Sondeno by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact