

SOUTHWEST GAS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LOWMAN JAMES F**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [SWX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/18/2005**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Sr VP/Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock	08/18/2005		M		1,024	A	\$ 23.06
Common stock	08/18/2005		S		1,024	D	\$ 26.12
Common stock	08/18/2005		M		2,376	A	\$ 23.36
Common stock	08/18/2005		S		2,376	D	\$ 26.12
Common stock	08/18/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 21.74

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Common stock	08/18/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 26.12	15,374	D
Common stock	08/18/2005	M	7,000	A	\$ 21.09	22,374	D
Common stock	08/18/2005	S	7,000	D	\$ 26.12	15,374	D
Common stock	08/18/2005	M	4,000	A	\$ 23.4	19,374	D
Common stock	08/18/2005	S	4,000	D	\$ 26.12	15,374	D

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

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**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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) 1998	\$ 23.06	08/18/2005		M	1,024	07/21/1999 07/20/2008	Common stock	1,024	
Stock Option (right to buy) 2001	\$ 23.36	08/18/2005		M	2,376	07/17/2002 07/16/2011	Common stock	2,376	
Stock Option (right to buy) 2002	\$ 21.74	08/18/2005		M	10,000	07/16/2003 07/15/2012	Common stock	10,000	
	\$ 21.09	08/18/2005		M	7,000	07/15/2004 07/14/2013		7,000	

Stock Option (right to buy) 2003								Common stock	
Stock Option (right to buy) 2004	\$ 23.4	08/18/2005	M	4,000	07/27/2005	07/26/2014		Common stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LOWMAN JAMES F 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002			Sr VP/Operations	

## Signatures

By: Kathy M.  
Bailey, POA

08/19/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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