

SOUTHWEST GAS CORP
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Armstrong Thomas J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/26/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) 2005 O | \$ 26.1 | 07/26/2005 | A | 12,500 | | | | | 07/26/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | 07/25/2015 | Common stock | 12,500 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Armstrong Thomas J
5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD
LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002

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Signatures

By: Kathy M.
Bailey, POA 07/27/2005

__Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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).
- (1) Options vest in 3 annual installments of 40% in 2006; 30% in 2007 and 30% in 2008.

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