## SOUTHWEST GAS CORP

## Form 5

January 31, 2002 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 Cortez, Manuel J. 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89150 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 12/31/2001 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)

- 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.  Trans			5.Amount of   Securities				
	Date   	Coo   	de     	Amount	A/    D	Price	Beneficially   Owned at   End of Year	   
Common Stock							2,171 (2)	

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

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Stock Option		05/10 A  /2001	2,000 			05/09 Common S  /2011	tock 2,000	 
(right to buy)			 				 	

Explanation of Responses: (1) The option vests in three annual installments of 800 shares in 2002, 600 shares in 2003, and 600 shares in 2004, beginning on May 10, 2002. (2) Includes 79 shares acquired in 2001 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan. SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Manuel J. Cortez by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact DATE 01/31/2002