

SOUTHWEST GAS CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2002

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 19, 2002**

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**California**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-7850**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**88-0085720**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**5241 Spring Mountain Road**  
**Post Office Box 98510**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**89193-8510**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including  
area code: (702) 876-7237**

**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On February 19, 2002, Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) released summary financial information to the general public, including the investment community, regarding the Company's operating performance and financial position for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2001. The financial information released is included herein. The following information is summary in nature and should not be considered complete financial statements.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION  
SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
Gas operating revenues	\$ 1,193,102	\$ 870,711	\$ 791,102
Net cost of gas sold	677,547	394,711	330,102
Operating margin	515,555	476,000	461,000
Operations and maintenance expenses	253,026	231,175	221,000
Depreciation, amortization, and general taxes	137,278	124,508	115,000
Operating income	125,251	120,317	124,000
Net interest deductions	78,746	68,892	61,000
Preferred securities distribution	5,475	5,475	5,000
Pretax utility income	41,030	45,950	56,000
Utility income taxes	13,011	13,614	20,000
Net utility income	28,019	32,336	36,000
Other income (expense), net	4,607	1,572	(1,000)
Contribution to net income - gas operations	32,626	33,908	35,000
Contribution to net income - construction services	4,530	4,403	3,000
Net income	\$ 37,156	\$ 38,311	\$ 39,000
Earnings per share - gas operations	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.00
Earnings per share - construction services	0.14	0.14	0.10
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.10
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.09
Average outstanding common shares	32,122	31,371	30,000
Average shares outstanding (assuming dilution)	32,398	31,575	30,000

See Notes to Summary Financial Statements.

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	THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		TWELVE DE
	2001	2000	2001
Gas operating revenues	\$ 330,620	\$ 295,569	\$ 1,193,
Net cost of gas sold	169,265	130,875	677,
Operating margin	161,355	164,694	515,
Operations and maintenance expenses	65,299	60,669	253,
Depreciation, amortization, and general taxes	34,687	31,449	137,
Operating income	61,369	72,576	125,
Net interest deductions	19,493	18,842	78,
Preferred securities distribution	1,369	1,369	5,
Pretax utility income	40,507	52,365	41,
Utility income taxes	12,923	17,914	13,
Net utility income	27,584	34,451	28,
Other income (expense), net	2,320	(2,340)	4,
Contribution to net income - gas operations	29,904	32,111	32,
Contribution to net income - construction services	1,071	411	4,
Net income	\$ 30,975	\$ 32,522	\$ 37,
Earnings per share - gas operations	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.02	\$ 1
Earnings per share - construction services	0.03	0.01	0
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.03	\$ 1
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.02	\$ 1
Average outstanding common shares	32,427	31,627	32,
Average shares outstanding (assuming dilution)	32,720	31,902	32,

The summary statements of income have been prepared by Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) using the equity method of accounting for its construction services subsidiary. This presentation is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). However, it produces the same net income as the consolidated financial statements and, in management's opinion, is a fair representation of the operations and contributions to net income of the Company's operating segments.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION  
SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET  
AT DECEMBER 31, 2001  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

ASSETS

UTILITY PLANT

Gas plant, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 1,775,080
Construction work in progress	50,491

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Net utility plant	1,825,571	
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS		
Investment in construction services subsidiary	35,916	
Other	44,372	
Total other property and investments	80,288	
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	26,767	
Receivables - less reserve of \$1,871 for uncollectibles	133,041	
Accrued utility revenue	63,773	
Deferred purchased gas costs	83,501	
Other	37,549	
Total current and accrued assets	344,631	
DEFERRED DEBITS		
Unamortized debt expense	17,906	
Other deferred debits	29,887	
Total deferred debits	47,793	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,298,283	
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES		
CAPITALIZATION		
Common stockholders' equity		
Common stock equity, \$1 par, 32,493 shares outstanding	\$ 504,533	
Retained earnings	56,667	
Total common stockholders' equity	561,200	33.0 %
Preferred securities of Southwest Gas Capital I, 9.125%	60,000	3.5
Long-term debt including current maturities - NOTE 2	1,081,621	63.5
Total capitalization	1,702,821	100.0 %
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES		
Notes payable	93,000	
Accounts payable	103,333	
Customer deposits	30,288	
Taxes accrued (including income taxes)	5,159	
Deferred taxes	26,677	
Other	45,605	
Total current and accrued liabilities	304,062	
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Deferred investment tax credits	14,668	
Deferred income taxes	198,506	
Other	78,226	
Total deferred credits	291,400	
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	\$ 2,298,283	

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## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS:	
Net income	\$ 37,156
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	104,498
Change in receivables and payables	(48,381)
Change in gas cost related balancing items	8,563
Change in accrued taxes	18,349
Change in deferred taxes	(11,419)
Allowance for funds used during construction	(2,546)
Other	(2,482)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	103,738
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Construction expenditures	(248,352)
Other	3,608
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Net cash used in investing activities	(244,744)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Net proceeds from stock issuances	17,061
Dividends paid	(26,323)
Change in notes payable	(38,000)
Long-term debt issuances, net	200,389
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Net cash provided by financing activities	153,127
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Change in cash and cash equivalents	12,121
Cash at beginning of period	14,646
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Cash at end of period	\$ 26,767
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:	
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 72,138
Income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 10,372

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## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION NOTES TO SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (In thousands) (Unaudited)



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Rate Jurisdiction	Rate Base (In thousands)	Rate of Return
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Arizona (1)	\$ 688,202	9.2
Southern Nevada (1)	457,314	8.7
Northern Nevada (1)	91,936	8.9
Southern California	69,486	9.9
Northern California	28,849	10.0
Paiute Pipeline Company (1)	75,059	9.6

(1) Estimated amounts based on rate case settlements.

## SYSTEM THROUGHPUT BY CUSTOMER CLASS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER	
(In dekatherms)	2001	2000
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Residential	58,994,278	57,137,75
Small commercial	27,996,473	27,267,28
Large commercial	10,758,310	6,390,83
Industrial / Other	28,377,223	19,971,47
Transportation	126,820,293	148,270,05
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Total system throughput	252,946,577	259,037,40
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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER	
	2001	2000
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HEATING DEGREE DAY COMPARISON		
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Actual	1,963	1,931
Ten-year average	1,970	1,985
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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Date: February 19,  
2002

/s/ ROY R. CENTRELLA

Roy R. Centrella  
Controller

SIGNATURES