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March 21, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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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) March 20, 2002  
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SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas	1 - 8246	71-0205415
(State of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2350 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E., Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77032  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(281) 618-4700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

No Change  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year; if changed  
since last report)

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Exhibits

Reference

(99.1) Slide presentation accompanying the March 20, 2002 presentation to investors at the CIBC World Markets Annual Energy Conference in New York City and simultaneous webcast announcing the Company's 2001 results and outlook and business strategy for 2002.

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Regulation FD Disclosures

On March 20, 2002, Southwestern Energy Company made a presentation to investors at the CIBC World Markets Annual Energy Conference in New York City. Harold M. Korell, President and Chief Executive Officer, discussed the Company's 2001 results and outlook and business strategy for 2002. The accompanying slideshow was made available on the Company's web site (www.swn.com) the day of the presentation and is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Southwestern Energy Company is furnishing under Item 9 of this Current Report on Form 8-K the information included as exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Note: The information in this report (including the exhibit) is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY

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Registrant

DATE: March 21, 2002  
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BY: /s/ GREG D. KERLEY  
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Greg D. Kerley  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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Slide Presentation dated March 20, 2002

Slides prepared for use with March 20, 2002, presentation to investors at the CIBC World Markets Annual Energy Conference.

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Southwestern Energy Company  
Presentation to CIBC World Markets Annual Energy Conference

March 20, 2002

[NYSE: SWN]

[picture of drilling pipes]

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Business Strategy  
[slide stating Company's strategy: The Right People doing the Right Things, supported by the value of our underlying Assets will create Value +.]

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Southwestern Energy Company

[map showing the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico with the following areas identified: Arkoma Basin with the Company's Gas distribution system and Ozark Pipeline, Anadarko Basin, Permian Basin, East Texas Overton Field and Gulf Coast]

2001 Reserves: 402.0 Bcfe, 80% PDP  
Shares Outstanding: 25.5 MM  
52-Week Range: \$8.80 - \$15.95  
Debt Ratings: BBB (S&P) and Baa3 (Moody's)

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Cash Flow per Mcfe - SWN is Competitive

[graphs comparing Southwestern Energy Company's Cash Flow per Mcfe of Production and Cash Flow per Mcfe of Reserves versus a peer group.]

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Key Developments - Organic Growth

1999

- o Positive E&P results.
  - >> Reserve additions of 49 Bcfe replaced 150% of production at \$1.20 per Mcfe (excluding reserve revisions).
  - >> First success in Gulf Coast exploration (Gloria).
  - >> Developed excellent inventory of internally-generated exploration prospects.

2000

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- o Strong E&P results.
  - >> Reserve additions of 70 Bcfe replaced 196% of production at \$0.99 per Mcfe (excluding reserve revisions).
  - >> Production increased over 8% from 1999 levels.
  - >> Two meaningful discoveries in south Louisiana (North Grosbec, Havilah).
- o Supreme Court upheld jury verdict and judgment of \$109 million.

2001

- o Record E&P results.
  - >> Reserve additions of 89 Bcfe replaced 224% of production at \$1.11 per Mcfe (excluding reserve revisions).
  - >> Production increased over 11% from 2000 levels.
  - >> Three exploration discoveries in South Louisiana (Malone, Horeb, Crowne).
- o Drilled 15 wells at Overton. Well performance exceeded expectations.
- o Reduced long-term debt by \$46 million.

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E&P Results - Standing Out

For the periods Ended December 31, 2001

	1999	2000	2001
Production (Bcfe)	32.9	35.7	39.8
Reserve Replacement	150%	196%	224%
Reserve Additions (Bcfe)	49.3	70.1	89.3
F&D Cost (\$Mcfe)	\$1.20	\$0.99	\$1.11

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### Objectives

- o Invest in the highest PVI projects. In 2002, add \$1.30 to \$1.50 of discounted value for each dollar invested.
- o Maximize cash flow to fund E&P program and pay down debt
- o Over a multi-year program, achieve 10% annual growth in production and reserves.
- o Reduce debt-to-total capital ratio over time to 50 - 55%.

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### E&P Assets and Strategy - Organic Growth

[map showing the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico with the following areas identified: Mid-Continent in North Texas and western Oklahoma, including the panhandle; Arkoma in western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma; Texas/New Mexico in southeast New Mexico and eastern, central and the gulf coast areas of Texas; and South Louisiana in gulf coast region of Louisiana]

Reserves & Production @ December 31, 2001

### Mid-Continent

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Reserves - 36.6 Bcfe (9%)  
Production - 2.8 Bcfe (7%)

### Arkoma

Reserves - 186.0 Bcfe (46%)  
Production - 22.3 Bcfe (56%)  
2002 Capital - \$18.5 MM (30%)

### Texas/New Mexico

Reserves - 137.0 Bcfe (34%)  
Production - 9.9 Bcfe (25%)  
2002 Capital - \$21.6 MM (35%)

### South Louisiana

Reserves - 42.4 Bcfe (11%)  
Production - 4.8 Bcfe (12%)  
2002 Capital - \$21.2 MM (35%)

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### Arkoma Basin

[map showing location of Arkoma Basin in Arkansas and Oklahoma, the Arkoma Basin Fairway, the Ranger Anticline Prospect, and the Haileyville Prospect.]

### Arkoma Basin

3-year average results  
Reserve replacement: 96%  
LOE Cost (incl. Taxes) (\$/Mcf): \$0.26  
F&D Cost (\$/Mcf): \$1.05

### Ranger Anticline

Success: 10/14 wells  
Net EUR: 12.4 Bcf  
F&D/Mcf: \$.69

### Haileyville

Success: 13/20 wells  
Net EUR: 9.7 Bcf  
F&D/Mcf: \$.74

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Overton Field, East Texas

[map showing Overton Field area with producing well locations]

Overton Field Drilling Potential

	# Wells @160s	#Wells @80s	
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Original Wells	16	16	
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2001 Drilling	15	15	
Future Development	32	94	
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Total	63	125	
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Overton Field Gross Production Rate

[graph showing Overton Field gross production rate increasing from 1.6 MMcf/d in March 2001 to 14.8 MMcf/d in January 2002].

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South Louisiana Exploration

[map showing location of the 2002 proposed wells, the 3-D project areas, and the Horeb, Havilah, Malone, North Grosbec, Gloria, and Crowne Discoveries.

Gross EUR:

North Grosbec	90 + Bcfe
Gloria	15 + Bcfe
Malone	30 + Bcfe
Horeb	9 + Bcfe
Havilah	16 + Bcfe
Crowne	

	Discovery Date	W.I.	Current Gross Producing Rate
Gloria	Dec 1999	50%	2.1 MMcfd and 66 Bopd
North Grosbec	Feb 2000	25%	36.4 MMcfd and 1,300 Bopd
Havilah	Nov 2000	28%	5.0 MMcfd and 370 Bopd
Malone	Feb 2001	33%	26.8 MMcfd and 525 Bopd
Horeb	Nov 2001	21%	12.7 MMcfd and 135 Bopd
Crowne #1	Dec 2001	40%	10.5 MMcfd and 38 Bopd

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Exploration Potential - 249 Net Bcfe

Prospect Name	Operator	Spud Date	Working Interest	Depth	Objective	Gross Res Potential (Bcfe)
Arkoma Basin Midway	SWN	3Q	80.5%	11,400	Atoka	39.0

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Permian Basin						
Billy Jack	Par	Completing	45.0%	6,500	Canyon	15.0
N. Roepke	SWN	Completing	88.0%	8,100	Devonian	5.3
High Lonesome	SWN	3Q	37.5%	11,000	Morrow	15.0

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Birds of Prey	SWN	3Q	100.0%	5,000	Cherry Canyon	3.0
Gaucha Deep	Devon	4Q	50.0%	15,000	Devonian	30.0

South Louisiana						
Crowne	SWN	Drilling	40.0%	13,500	Planulina	55.0
Tulleymore	SWN	1Q	40.0%	12,500	Planulina	78.0
Belmont	--	1Q	20.0%	13,500	Planulina	75.0
Piedmont	SWN	2Q	75.0%	13,500	Planulina	28.3
Bushmills	SWN	2Q	75.0%	15,200	Planulina	43.0
Cameron Prairie(other)	Ballard	2Q	18.0%	13,500	Planulina	200.0
Red Lion	SWN	4Q	40.0%	13,500	Planulina	19.0
Ben Nevis	SWN	4Q	50.0%	12,900	Miocene	45.0
Jericho	SWN	1Q 2003	50.0%	14,200	Frio	72.0
Tigris	SWN	1Q 2003	50.0%	13,600	Frio	74.0

Total Reserve Potential  796.6

Forward-Looking Statement

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E&P Capital Investments

[graph showing E&P capital investments from 1999 through the 2002 budgeted program, broken out by Property Acquisitions, Capitalized Expenses, Leasehold & Seismic, Development Drilling, and Exploration Drilling; Company's 2002 budgeted capital investment program has 30% allocated to Arkoma, 35% to South Louisiana, 15% to Permian and 20% to East Texas.]

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The Right People Doing the Right Things

[graph showing the Company's results in PVI, F&D Cost and Reserve Replacement from 1997 to 2001]

Note: PVI metrics calculated using pricing in effect at year-end (except for 2000 which was calculated at \$3.00 per Mcf natural gas price). All metrics calculated include revisions.

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Outlook for 2002

o Targets:

- >> Production target of 41 - 43 Bcfe in 2002.
- >> Excess cash flow goes toward long-term debt reduction.

NYMEX Commodity Price Assumptions

\$2.00 Gas	\$2.25 Gas	\$2.50 Gas	\$3.00 Gas
\$18.00 Oil	\$18.00 Oil	\$18.00 Oil	\$18.00 Oil

>> Earnings	\$7 MM	\$10 MM	\$12 MM	\$15 MM
>> EPS	\$.27	\$.38	\$.48	\$.58

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>> Cash Flow	\$72 MM	\$76 MM	\$81 MM	\$85 MM
>> CFPS	\$2.83	\$2.99	\$3.16	\$3.34
>> EDITDA	\$93 MM	\$97 MM	\$102 MM	\$106 MM

### Forward Looking Statement

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#### Gas Hedges in Place Through 2003

[chart showing gas hedges in place by quarter for the years 2002 and 2003]

Period	Hedged Volumes	Avg. Floor Price
2002	25.5 Bcf	\$3.03/Mcf
2003	17.3 Bcf	\$3.10/Mcf

Note: Approximately .2 Bcf hedged at a fixed NYMEX price of \$2.75 per Mcf in first six months of 2003. Southwestern also has approximately 280,000 barrels of oil hedged at a fixed WTI price of \$20.07 per barrel in 2002.

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#### The Road to V+

- o Invest in the Highest PVI Projects.
- o Maximize Cash Flow.
- o Stay the Course with Our Balanced Strategy.
- o Build on Exploration Success.
- o Reduce Debt with Excess Cash Flow.
- o Deliver the Numbers.
  - >> Production and Reserve Growth.
  - >> Add Value for Every Dollar Invested.
- o Continue to Tell Our Story.

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#### Forward-Looking Statements

All statements, other than historical financial information may be deemed to be forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements herein include, but are not limited to, the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices for gas and oil, the timing and extent of the Company's success in discovering, developing, producing, and estimating reserves, property acquisition or divestiture activities that may occur, the effects of weather and regulation on the Company's gas distribution segment, the

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value that the Company's gas distribution segment may bring in exploring sales opportunities for this segment, increased competition, legal and economic factors, governmental regulation, the financial impact of accounting regulations for derivative instruments, changing market conditions, the comparative cost of alternative fuels, conditions in capital markets and changes in interest rates, availability of oil field services, drilling rigs, and other equipment, as well as various other factors beyond the Company's control.

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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, submitted herewith for filing on behalf of Southwestern Energy Company is Form 8-K dated March 20, 2002.

This filing is being effected by direct transmission to the Commission's EDGAR System.

Very truly yours,

Stan Wilson  
Controller