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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hester John P	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	SOUTHWEST GAS CORP [SWX]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2007	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Senior VP/Regulatory Affairs			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person			
LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				

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(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-D	erivative Sec	curities Ac	cquire	d, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	ransaction Disposed of (D) ode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	(D) P	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock/2006 Restricted Stock	05/03/2007		A <u>(1)</u>	1,160.26	A \$ 38	8.57	1,160.26	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer 10% Owner Other Director

Hester John P Senior 5241 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD VP/Regulatory LAS VEGAS, NV 891500002 **Affairs**

Signatures

By: Karen W. 05/04/2007 Stanfield, POA

**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).
- Restricted Stock Plan shares invest in 3 annual installments of 40% in 2008, 30% in 2009 and 30% in 2010.

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