

SOUTHWEST GAS CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 28, 2004

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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) July 28, 2004**

**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 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On July 28, 2004, Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) announced the election of Jeffrey W. Shaw, 45, to the Board of Directors following his recent promotion to Chief Executive Officer of the Company. As a director, he will serve on the executive committee of the Board. Mr. Shaw's election increases the number of directors from eleven to twelve. The position of Chairman of the Board remains filled with an independent director, consistent with the Company's long-standing practice and sound corporate governance principles.

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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: July 28,  
2004

/s/ ROY R. CENTRELLA

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Roy R. Centrella  
Vice President/Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer