# 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 17, 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 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 17, 2004, Southwest Gas Corporation (the Company) released summary financial information to the general public, including the investment community, regarding the Company s operating performance for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the Company s press release and summary financial information is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are provided under Item 12 of Form 8-K and are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **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 17, /s/ ROY R. CENTRELLA 2004

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

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit
No. Description

Press Release and summary financial information dated February 17, 2004.

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