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Form 3

July 24, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Centrella, Roy R
 5241 Spring Mountain Road
 Las Vegas, NV 89140
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 07/16/2002
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Southwest Gas Corporation
 SWX
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	4. Nature of Beneficial
Common Stock	6056	D	
Common Stock	3035	I	401(k)

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Direct or Indirect)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/18/2000 07/10/2010	Common Stock 2000	\$17.9375	D
(1)				

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(r 07/17/200 07/16/201 Common Stock		5000	\$23.36	D
(2)	1 1				

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(r 07/16/200 07/15/201 Common Stock		5000	\$21.74	D
(3)	2 2				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests in three annual installments of 800 shares in 2001, 600 shares in 2002, and 600 shares in 2003, beginning July 18, 2001.
- (2) The option vests in three annual installments of 2000 shares in 2002, 1500 shares in 2003, and 1500 shares in 2004, beginning July 17, 2002.
- (3) The option vests in three annual installments of 2000 shares in 2003, 1500 shares in 2004, and 1500 shares in 2005, beginning July 16, 2003.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Roy R. Centrella by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact

DATE

07/24/2002