

SOUTHWEST GAS CORP
Form 8-K
May 29, 2002

**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) May 28, 2002

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 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

On May 28, 2002, Southwest Gas Corporation (Company), a California corporation, dismissed Arthur Andersen LLP as its independent auditor. The decision to dismiss Arthur Andersen was recommended by the Company's Audit Committee and approved by its Board of Directors.

Arthur Andersen's report on the financial statements of the Company for each of the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and was not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001, and the interim period between December 31, 2001 and May 28, 2002, there were no disagreements between the Company and Arthur Andersen on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Arthur Andersen, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in connection with its report. During the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001, and the interim period between December 31, 2001 and May 28, 2002, there were no reportable events (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission). A letter from Arthur Andersen is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this Report.

The Company has engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as its new independent auditor, effective May 28, 2002. During the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001, and the interim period between December 31, 2001 and May 28, 2002, neither the Company nor anyone on its behalf consulted with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP regarding (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, (ii) the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements or (iii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement (as described above) or a reportable event.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number **Description of Exhibit**

16.1 Letter of Arthur Andersen LLP regarding change in certifying accountant.

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: May 28,
2002

/s/ ROY R. CENTRELLA

SIGNATURES

Roy R. Centrella
Controller

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