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July 22, 1997

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: July 31, 1997 Mid Year Report

Enclosed is the Mid Year Report for the Southwest Gas Corporation Political Action Committee for the period January 1, 1997 through June 30, 1997.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 702/876-7389.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Silvestri
Director/Consumer & Community Relations

Enclosures

c Office of the Secretary of State
Carson City, NV 89710

Office of the Secretary of State
Phoenix, AZ 85007

State Board of Elections
Richmond, VA 23219-3497

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Other Than An Authorized Committee
(Summary Page)

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION POLI
TICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
PO BOX 98510
LAS VEGAS NV 89193

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
0000076737

3. This committee has qualified as a multicandidate
committee. (see FEC FORM 130)
Qualified as a multicandidate
comm. prior to Jan. 1, 1997.

4. TYPE OF REPORT

- (a) April 15 Quarterly Report
 July 15 Quarterly Report
 October 15 Quarterly Report
 January 31 Year End Report
 July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)
 Termination Report

Monthly Report Due On:

- February 20 June 20 October 20
 March 20 July 20 November 20
 April 20 August 20 December 20
 May 20 September 20 January 31

- 12-Day Pre-Election Report for the _____
(Type of Election)
election on _____ in the State of _____
- 30-Day Post-Election Report following the General Election
on _____ in the State of _____

(b) Is this Report an Amendment? YES NO

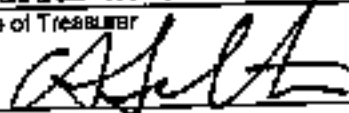
SUMMARY		COLUMN A	COLUMN B
Covering Period 1/1/97 through 6/30/97		This Period	Calendar Year-to-Date
5.	Cash on Hand January 1, 19_____		\$ 45,358.55
6.	(a) Cash on Hand at Beginning of Reporting Period _____	\$ 45,358.55	
	(b) Total Receipts (from Line 19) _____	\$ 9,467.00	\$ 9,467.00
	(c) Subtotal (add Lines 6(b) and 6(c) for Column A and Lines 6(a) and 6(c) for Column B) _____	\$ 54,825.55	\$ 54,825.55
7.	Total Disbursements (from Line 30) _____	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
8.	Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(d)) _____	\$ 50,325.55	\$ 50,325.55
9.	Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D) _____	\$ -0-	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-219-3420
10.	Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D) _____	\$ -0-	

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Charles A. Silvestri

Signature of Treasurer



Date

7-22-97

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

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FEC FORM 3X
(revised 9/93)

**DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE
OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
PAGE 2, FEC FORM 3X**

(revised 1/1/91)

NAME OF COMMITTEE SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE		REPORT COVERING PERIOD FROM 1/1/97 TO 6/30/97	
		COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year
Receipts			
11.	Contributions (other than loans) From:		
a.	Individual/Persons Other Than Political Committees	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
i.	Itemized (use Schedule A)	4,667.00	4,667.00
ii.	Unitemized	9,467.00	9,467.00
iii.	Total (add i and ii) >		
b.	Political Party Committees		
c.	Other Political Committees (such as PACs)		
d.	Total Contributions (add a iii, b and c) >	9,467.00	9,467.00
12.	Transfers From Affiliated/Other Party Committees		
13.	All Loans Received		
14.	Loan Repayments Received		
15.	Offsets To Operating Expenditures (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)		
16.	Refunds of Contributions Made to Federal Candidates and Other Political Committees		
17.	Other Federal Receipts (Dividends, Interest, etc.)		
18.	Transfers from Nonfederal Account for Joint Activity		
19.	Total Receipts (add 11d, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18) >	9,467.00	9,467.00
20.	Total Federal Receipts (subtract line 18 from line 19) >	9,467.00	9,467.00
Disbursements			
21.	Operating Expenditures:		
a.	Shared Federal/Non-Federal Activity (from Schedule H4)		
i.	Federal Share		
ii.	Non-Federal Share		
b.	Other Federal Operating Expenditures		
c.	Total Operating Expenditures (add a i, ii, and b) >		
22.	Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees	4,500.00	4,500.00
23.	Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees and Other Political Committees		
24.	Independent Expenditures (use Schedule E)		
25.	Coordinated Expenditures Made by Party Committees (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) (use Schedule F)		
26.	Loan Repayments Made		
27.	Loans Made		
28.	Refunds of Contributions To:		
a.	Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees		
b.	Political Party Committees		
c.	Other Political Committees (such as PACs)		
d.	Total Contribution Refunds (add a, b and c) >		
29.	Other Disbursements	4,500.00	4,500.00
30.	Total Disbursements (add 21c, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28d, and 29) >	4,500.00	4,500.00
31.	Total Federal Disbursements (subtract line 21 a ii from line 30) >		
Net Contributions/Operating Expenditures			
32.	Total Contributions (other than loans) (from line 11d)	9,467.00	9,467.00
33.	Total Contribution Refunds (from line 28d)		
34.	Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract line 33 from 32)	9,467.00	9,467.00
35.	Total Federal Operating Expenditures (add 21 a i and 21 b) >		
36.	Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from line 15)		
37.	Net Operating Expenditures (subtract line 36 from 35) >		

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

PAGE 1 OF 3

FOR LINE NUMBER 11 (a) (i)

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Thomas J. Armstrong 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation VP/Gas Resources Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		
Lowell H. Bamford P.O. Box 14987 Victorville, CA 92393-0919	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation VP/Southern California Division Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		
George C. Biehl 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation Senior VP/CFO Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		
Terry N. Brackeen P.O. Box 1190 Carson City, NV 89702-1190	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$240.00 (\$ 20.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation District Manager Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 240.00		
Garold L. Clark P.O. Box 1190 Carson City, NV 89702-1190	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation VP/Northern Nevada Division Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		
Fred Cover 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation VP/Human Resources Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		
Edward A. Janov 5241 Spring Mountain Road	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation VP/Controller Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

\$ 2,040.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
James Kane 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$240.00 (\$ 20.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation: Senior VP/Operations Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 240.00		
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Michael O. Maffie 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$600.00 (\$ 50.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation: President & CEO Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 600.00		
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
David C. O'Neil 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$240.00 (\$ 20.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation: VP/Marketing Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 240.00		
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Christina Palacios P.O. Box 26500 Tucson, AZ 85726-6500	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$420.00 (\$ 35.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation: VP/Southern Arizona Division Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 420.00		
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Jeffrey W. Shaw 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation: VP/Treasurer Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Thomas R. Sheets 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation: VP/General Counsel Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Dudley J. Sordeno 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102	Southwest Gas Corp.	Payroll Deduction	\$300.00 (\$ 25.00 biweekly)
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Occupation: Senior VP/Chief Knowledge & Technology Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 300.00		

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

\$ 2,400.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Edward S. Zub 5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Southwest Gas Corp. Occupation Senior VP/ Regulation & Product Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 360.00	Date (month, day, year) Payroll Deduction	Amount of Each Receipt this Period \$360.00 (\$ 30.00 biweekly)
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional) \$ 360.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) \$ 4,800.00

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
BIPAC 888 Sixteenth St., NW Washington, DC 20006-4103	Contribution Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2/24/97	\$ 500.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code McCain for Senate '98 (John McCain) 1130 E. Missouri, Suite 112 Phoenix, AZ 85014	Contribution Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3/31/97	\$2,000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code GASPAC 1515 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22209	Contribution Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	5/16/97	\$1,000.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Shelley Berkley for Congress Comm. 7432 Silver Palm Ct. Las Vegas, NV 89117	Contribution Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	5/22/97	\$1,000.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)	\$4,500.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)	\$4,500.00

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