SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO Form U-3A-2 February 27, 2002

FORM U-3A-2

File No. 69-248

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

Statement by Holding Company Claiming Exemption Under Rule U-3A-2 from the Provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY hereby files with the Securities & Exchange Commission, pursuant to Rule U-3A-2, its statement claiming exemption as a holding company from the provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. In support of such claim for exemption, the following information is submitted:

1. Southwestern Energy Company, an Arkansas corporation, is located at 2350 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77032. Southwestern Energy Company is a holding company with seven wholly owned subsidiaries. The wholly owned subsidiaries of the holding company are Arkansas Western Gas Company, an Arkansas utility; SEECO, Inc., an Arkansas based gas exploration and production company; Southwestern Energy Production Company (formerly Arkansas Western Production Company), an oil and gas exploration and production company with offices in Texas and Arkansas; Diamond "M" Production Company, a Texas based oil and gas exploration and production company; Southwestern Energy Services Company, an Oklahoma based gas marketing company; Southwestern Energy Pipeline Company, a corporation that owns a minority interest in the NOARK Pipeline System Limited Partnership (NOARK), (NOARK owns an interstate natural gas pipeline in Arkansas and Oklahoma); and A. W. Realty Company, an Arkansas real estate company which holds real estate interests. Overton Partners, L.L.C., is an Arkansas limited liability company owned by Southwestern Energy Production Company. Overton Partners, L.L.C., owns a majority interest in Overton Partners, L.P., a Texas limited partnership. The financial results of Overton Partners, L.P., are consolidated with the financial results for Southwestern Energy Company and its other subsidiaries. Arkansas Gas Gathering Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of SEECO, Inc., and is currently inactive.

The main location of Arkansas Western Gas Company is 1001 Sain Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703. The main location of SEECO, Inc., Arkansas Gas Gathering Company, A. W. Realty Company, Overton Partners, L.L.C., and Overton Partners, L.P., is 1083 Sain Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703. The main location of Southwestern Energy Production Company and Diamond "M" Production Company is 2350 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77032. The main location of Southwestern Energy Services Company and Southwestern Energy Pipeline Company is 2200 Mid-Continent Tower, 401 South Boston, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

All of the Claimant's subsidiaries, with the exception of Diamond "M" Production Company, Overton Partners, L.P., and Overton Parners, L.L.C., are Arkansas corporations with Southwestern Energy Production Company being authorized to do business in Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado,

Wyoming, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, New Mexico, Mississippi and Nebraska. SEECO, Inc., has authority to operate only in Arkansas. Arkansas Western Gas Company is also authorized to do business in Missouri, although it has sold all of its Missouri operations effective May 31, 2000. Southwestern Energy Pipeline Company is authorized to do business in Oklahoma. Southwestern Energy Services Company is authorized to do business in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas. Diamond "M" Production Company is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Texas. Overton Partners, L.L.C., is an Arkansas limited liability company authorized to do business in Arkansas and Texas. Overton Partners, L.P., is Texas limited partnership authorized to do business in Texas.

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 Claimant, Southwestern Energy Company, is the parent company and owns beneficially and of record 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of stock of its seven corporate subsidiaries.

Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG), Claimant's only public utility subsidiary, operates 5,127 miles of pipeline. This system is located entirely within the state of Arkansas and includes a gathering and storage system with 387 miles of pipeline, 984 miles of transmission pipeline and 3,756 miles of distribution pipeline.

AWG's northwest Arkansas gas utility system gathers its primary gas supply in Arkansas from the Arkoma Basin where it also provides distribution service to communities in that area, including the towns of Ozark and Clarksville. AWG's transmission and distribution lines extend north and supply communities in the northwest part of the state, including the towns of Fayetteville, Springdale and Rogers. AWG's service area also extends to the Harrison and Mountain Home areas. The section of the AWG system serving Harrison and Mountain Home receives a protion of its gas supply from a lateral line off of the Ozark Pipeline System.

AWG's northeast Arkansas gas utility system obtains its primary gas supply from interstate pipelines. Through its northeast Arkansas gas utility system, AWG provides distribution of natural gas to the major communities of Blytheville, Piggott and Osceola.

3. Arkansas Western Gas Company made gas sales for the 12 months ended December 31, 2001, as follows:

(a) Natural gas distributed at retail:

	Average		
Utility Sales	Consumers	Mcf	Sales
Residential	117,765	8,442,456	\$ 77,061,157
Commercial	16,017	6,070,642	47,947,486
Industrial	215	2,486,199	15,339,773
Total	133,997	16,999,297	\$ 140,348,416
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(b) The public utility subsidiary purchased outside the state of

Arkansas 5,776,061 Mcf of natural gas costing \$33,651,041 and utilized the services of interstate pipelines to deliver the gas to its service territory or to storage facilities pending later delivery.

4. The Claimant holds no direct or indirect interest in an EWG or a foreign utility company.

EXHIBIT A

Consolidating Statements of Income and Surplus along with Consolidating Balance Sheets for the year ended December 31, 2001.

EXHIBIT B

Financial Data Schedule for the year ended December 31, 2001.

EXHIBIT C

The Claimant holds no direct or indirect interest in an EWG or a foreign utility company.

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The above named Claimant has caused this statement to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer on this 27th day of February, 2002.

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ GREG D. KERLEY

Greg D. Kerley Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ATTEST:

/s/ MARK K. BOLING

MARK K. BOLING Secretary

Notices and correspondence concerning this statement should be addressed to: Greg D. Kerley, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Southwestern Energy Company 2350 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77032

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

	Southwestern Energy Company	Arkansas Western Gas Company 		Southwestern Energy Production Company	Diam "M" Prod Comp
Operating Revenues: Gas sales	\$ –	¢ 140 240	¢ 70.200	\$ 61,295	\$
Gas marketing	- -	\$ 140 , 546	\$ 70 , 209	Ş 01,295 -	Ą
Oil sales	-	_	_	14,011	
Gas transportation	-	4,366	-	-	
Other	_	2,568	471	-	
		147,282		75 , 306	
Operating Costs and Expenses: Gas purchases - utility Gas purchases - marketing		96,058 -	-		
Operating and general Depreciation, depletion and	-	32,386	11,834	17,383	
amortization Taxes, other than income		6,163 2,329	16,925 424	26,732 5,719	
		136,936	•	•	
Operating Income (Loss)		10,346			
Interest Expense: Interest on long-term debt Intercompany interest Other interest charges Interest capitalized	23,920 (6,529) 704 –	- 3,888 531 (6)	2,029 	(467) 29 (1,311)	
	18,095	4,413	1,751	(1,749)	
Other Income (Expense)	13,945	600	1	143	
Minority Interest - Partnership	_	_	_	930	
Income (Loss) before Provision (Benefit for Income Taxes		6 , 533	39 , 747	26,434	
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	(6,884)	2,505			
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,734	\$ 4,028	\$ 23,961	\$ 16,114	

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

	A.W. Realty Company	Energy	Southwestern Energy Services Company	Eliminations Co
Operating Revenues:				
Gas sales Gas marketing	\$ – –	\$ – –		\$ (27,931)(a) \$ (118,486)(a)
Oil sales	_	_	_	-
Gas transportation Other	448	-	-	(648) (b)
	448		190,325	(147,065)
Operating Costs and Expenses:				
Gas purchases – utility Gas purchases – marketing	-		- 186,496	(27,897)(a)(b) (118,486)(a)
Operating and general	29	72	180 , 490 960	(110,400) (a) (736) (b)
Depreciation, depletion and	0.0	-		
amortization Taxes, other than income	90 24	5 2	111 55	-
	143	79		(147,119)
Operating Income (Loss)	305	(79)	2,703	54
Interest Expense: Interest on long-term debt Intercompany interest	_ 41	- 773		
Other interest charges	-	_	110	-
Interest capitalized	-	-	-	
	41	773	234	
Other Income (Expense)	15	(1,484)	_	(14,054)(b)(c)
Minority Interest - Partnership	_	-	_	-
Income (Loss) Before Provision (Benefi for Income Taxes		(2,336)	2.469	(14,000) (c)
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Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	111	(859)	996	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 168	\$ (1 <i>1</i> 77)	\$ 1,473	\$ (14,000) \$
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SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

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12,728	84,927	166,986	332,376	
4,250	124,776	141,663	318,993	
9,331	3,500	1,006	793	
463 , 665	\$ 169,931	\$ 151,315	\$ 346,027	\$
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SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

	Southwestern	Southwestern
A.W.	Energy	Energy

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	Realty Company 		Services Company 	Eliminations			
Assets							
Current Assets:							
	\$ -	\$ –	\$ 1	-	\$		
Accounts receivable	3	-		(2,293) (d)			
Intercompany accounts receivable	(449)	(12,614)	1,942	(12,071)(d)			
Income taxes receivable Inventories, at average cost	_	-	_	-			
Hedging Asset	_	_	· _	_			
Regulatory Asset - Hedging	_	_	_	_			
Other	2	_	(57)	-			
Total Current Assets	(444)		9,842				
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Investments: Investment in subsidiaries, at cost Other	50		-	(412,661)(e)			
Other	50	- ,	-	(±±) 0 ± 0) ((()			
	50			(424,487)			
<pre>Property, Plant and Equipment: Oil and gas properties, using the full cost method Gas utility system Gas in underground storage Other Less - Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization Other Assets</pre>	- - 5,968 5,968 983 4,985 		- - - 384 	_			
	\$4,591 	•	\$ 9,968 ======		\$		

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET (continued) DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

Company	Company	SEECO,	Inc.	Company	Comp
Energy	Western Gas			Production	Proc
Southwestern	Arkansas			Energy	"M"
				Southwestern	Diam

Current Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 14,686	\$	5,743	\$ 5,711	\$	11,721	\$
Taxes payable	548		2,827	280	-	. 78	
Interest payable	2,503		150	-		-	
Deferred gas purchases	-		8,184	_		-	
Hedging liability	958		5,817	215		_	
Customer deposits	-		4,845	-		-	
Other	(2,916) 	707	 3,859		739	
Total Current Liabilities	15,779		28,273	 10,065		12,538	
Long-Term Debt, less current							
portion	350,000		59 , 352	-		-	
Other Liabilities:							
Deferred income taxes	(56,886)	20,733	•		85,197	
Deferred investment tax credits	-		1,195	-		-	
Long-term hedging liability	-		-	100		-	
Other	1,638		561	 -		889	
	(55,248)	22,489	 60,369		86,086	
Minority Interest - Partnership	-		_	 _		13,001	
Shareholders' Equity:	0 774		04 014	0 044		1	
Common stock Additional paid-in capital	2,774 19,764		24,214 29,000	8,244 22,000		1 253,545	
Retained earnings	160,072		29,000 6,603	44,290		(19,144)	(
Partnership capital	100,072					(±),±11,	`
Other comprehensive income	(584		_	6,347		_	
Common stock in treasury, at cost			_			_	
Unamortized cost of restricted shares issued under stock	·						
incentive plan	(3,696)	-	 -		_	
	153,134		59,817	 80,881		234,402	
	\$ 463,665	\$	169,931	\$ 151,315	\$	346,027	\$

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET (continued) DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

	Southwestern A.W. Energy Realty Pipeline Company Company		rn 	Southwe Energy Service Company	es	Elim	Co 	
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity								
Current Liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ —	\$ -	_	\$	2,144	Ş	(2,292)(d)	\$

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Taxes payable Interest payable	76	-	591	-	
Deferred gas purchases	_	_	_	_	
Hedging liabilities	_	-	_	-	
Customer deposits	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	363	-	
Total Current Liabilities	76		3,098	(2,292)	
Long-Term Debt, less current portion	_	_	_	(59 , 352)(e)	
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Other Liabilities:					
Deferred income taxes		10,860	1,038	-	
Deferred investment tax credits Long-term hedging liability	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	_	_	
	555	10,860	1,038		
Minority Interest - Partnership	-	-	-	-	
Shareholders' Equity:					
Common stock	1	2	2	(32,464)(e)	
Additional paid-in capital	1,728				
		(15,560)		_	
Partnership capital	-	-	-	(23,898) (d)	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	_	
Common stock in treasury, at cost Unamortized cost of restricted	_	-	_	-	
shares issued under stock					
incentive plan	-	-	-	-	
	3,960	(7,986)	5,832	(377,207)	
	\$4,591		•		\$
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SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

	Ene	athwestern ergy npany 	Wes	ansas stern Gas npany 	SEI	ECO, Inc.	Ene Pro	thwestern rgy duction pany 	Diam "M" Prod Comp
RETAINED EARNINGS, beginning of year	\$	157 , 338	\$	16 , 575	\$	20,329	\$	(35,258)	\$ (

Net income (loss)		2,734		4,028		23,961		16,114	
Cash dividends		_		(14,000)		_		_	
RETAINED EARNINGS, end of year	\$	160,072	\$	6,603	\$	44,290	\$	(19,144)	\$ (
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SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

	A.W. Realty Company	Southwestern Energy Pipeline Company 		Southwestern Energy Services Company		Eliminations		Co
RETAINED EARNINGS, beginning	of year \$2,063	\$	(14,083)	\$	4,357	\$	_	Ş
Net income (loss)	168		(1,477)		1,473		(14,000)(e)	
Cash dividends	-		-				14,000 (e)	
RETAINED EARNINGS, end of yea	ar \$2,231 ======	\$ ===	(15,560)	\$	5,830	\$ ===	_	\$

Exhibit B

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL DATA SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 (in thousands)

Total Assets	\$ 743,123
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 344,927
Net Income	\$ 35,324

Southwestern Energy Company

P.O. Box 1408 Fayetteville, AR 72702-1408

February 27, 2002

Securities & Exchange Commission ATTN: Filing Desk, Stop 1-4 450 Fifth Street, N. W. Washington, DC 20549-1004

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is Form U-3A-2, Statement by Holding Company Claiming Exemption Under Rule U-3A-2 from the Provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, on behalf of Southwestern Energy Company for the year ended December 31, 2001.

This filing is being effected by direct transmission to the Commission's EDGAR System.

Sincerely,

Stan Wilson Controller