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SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF SALE OF UTILITY Enters Agreements to Sell Permian E&P Assets

Houston, Texas – July 1, 2008...Southwestern Energy Company (NYSE: SWN) announced today that it has closed the previously announced sale of its utility, Arkansas Western Gas Company, to SourceGas, LLC. SourceGas paid the company approximately \$230 million, which amount is subject to post-closing adjustments. As a result of the sale of the utility, the company is no longer engaged in any natural gas distribution operations.

In addition, the company announced that it has recently entered into definitive purchase and sale agreements for the sale of the oil and gas leases and wells held by the company in the Permian Basin for approximately \$225 million in cash, in the aggregate, subject to customary adjustments. The sales include approximately 60 Bcfe of the company's proved reserves as of December 31, 2007. Including the utility sale, the transactions scheduled to close in the third quarter of 2008 are expected to result in gross proceeds of approximately \$390 million.

"These sales, along with our recent Fayetteville Shale acreage divestiture, are in keeping with our focus on present value and the proceeds will meet our remaining 2008 capital needs and position us well as we move into 2009," stated Harold M. Korell, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern.

Southwestern Energy Company is an integrated natural gas company whose wholly-owned subsidiaries are engaged in oil and gas exploration and production and natural gas gathering and marketing. Additional information on the company can be found on the Internet at <http://www.swn.com>.

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