



## **SOURCEGAS TO EXPAND CUSTOMER BASE AND PIPELINE SYSTEM BY MORE THAN 55% WITH PURCHASE OF ARKANSAS NATURAL GAS UTILITY**

**Lakewood, CO, - November 14, 2007** – SourceGas LLC announced today that it will purchase Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG), a subsidiary of Southwestern Energy Company (NYSE: SWN) for \$224 million plus working capital. AWG is a natural gas local distribution company serving 151,000 customers in northern Arkansas. The transaction, which is expected to close in mid-2008, is subject to certain closing conditions and regulatory approvals.

With approximately 375 employees, AWG serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in northern Arkansas through 5,700 miles of gathering, distribution and transmission pipelines, an underground storage facility and related gas distribution facilities. Once completed, the acquisition will increase both SourceGas' customer base and pipeline system by more than 55 percent.

“In line with our strategy to expand existing operations and grow through acquisitions, this purchase is the first significant expansion of our service footprint and an important step to providing SourceGas quality to more consumers,” said Dan Watson, President and CEO of SourceGas. “We expect the acquisition and ensuing transition to be seamless to customers, who will continue to receive great service from the experienced team of employees serving them today with the added benefits of being part of the SourceGas system.”

Southwestern Energy Company Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Harold M. Korell said, “We believe that this is the right direction for Southwestern Energy and its shareholders. We have provided the communities of northern Arkansas with clean and safe natural gas since 1929. We are leaving this legacy business in very capable hands and our customers should expect to receive the same quality service that they have experienced over the past 78 years.”

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### **About SourceGas**

SourceGas is a natural gas local distribution utility headquartered in Lakewood, Colorado, with operations in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and Hermosillo, Mexico. It serves nearly 266,000 customers and operates 12,000 miles of distribution and transmission pipeline, as well as storage facilities. SourceGas and its subsidiaries also provide gas transportation, in-home HVAC and appliance service and sales, as well as gas commodity services to its natural gas customers. SourceGas also administers the ChoiceGas<sup>®</sup> consumer natural gas programs in Nebraska and Wyoming. GE Energy Financial Services and Alinda Investments LLC each are 50% owners of SourceGas.

### **About Alinda Infrastructure Fund**

Alinda Infrastructure Fund (“Alinda”) is a leading independent infrastructure fund with \$3 billion of capital commitments. Alinda invests in infrastructure assets, which provide essential services to communities, governments and businesses. To date, Alinda has made investments in a wide range of infrastructure assets in North America and Europe, including gas utilities, roads, airports, rail, and water tanks.

### **About GE Energy Financial Services**

GE Energy Financial Services’ 350 experts invest globally with a long-term view, backed by the best of GE’s technical know-how and financial strength, across the capital spectrum and the energy and water industries, to help their customers and GE grow. With \$16 billion in assets, GE Energy Financial Services invests more than \$5 billion annually in two of the world’s most capital-intensive industries, energy and water.

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### **About Southwestern Energy**

Southwestern Energy Company is an integrated 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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