

REPUBLIC SERVICES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
OCONNOR JAMES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

110 S.E. 6TH STREET, 28TH FLOOR

(Street)

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

REPUBLIC SERVICES INC [RSG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/09/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman/Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/09/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>		106,383	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					452,493.6805 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					1,539.0384 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.74	12/09/2008		A	237,640	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/09/2015	Common Stock 237,640

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OCONNOR JAMES E 110 S.E. 6TH STREET 28TH FLOOR FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301	X		Chairman/Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ David A. Barclay,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/11/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Grant of restricted shares of common stock pursuant to the Republic Services, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan. The award vests in 4 equal annual installments commencing December 9, 2009.
- (2) The total reflects contributions to, and dividends paid under, the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan and the Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the last report filed.
- (3) The total reflects dividends paid under the Company's 401(k) Plan since the last report filed.
- (4) Non-Qualified Stock Option awarded pursuant to the Republic Services, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan. The option vests in 4 equal annual installments commencing December 9, 2009.

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