

REPUBLIC SERVICES INC

Form 4

March 14, 2003

FORM 4 ___ Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses)	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP 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	OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . 0.5

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Last) (First) (Middle) 1551 Eastlake Avenue E. (Street) Seattle WA 98102 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Republic Services, Inc. (RSG)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year) 3/12/2003	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ Officer (give title below) <u>X(1)</u> Other (specify below) - 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <u>X</u> Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		100	A	18.75			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		25,700	A	18.80			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		16,000	A	18.85			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		4,000	A	18.86			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		25,000	A	18.90			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		2,000	A	18.92			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		38,000	A	19.00			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		15,000	A	19.05			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		10,000	A	19.09			
Common Stock	3/12/2003		P		5,000	A	19.13	750,000	D	

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

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Explanation of Responses:

(1) The Reporting Person may be deemed to be a member of a Section 13(d) group that beneficially owns more than 10% of the issuer's outstanding Common Stock. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities other than those reported above, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such a group exists or that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities of such group for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

/s/ Michael Larson

3/12/03

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date _____

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Attorney-in-fact.

Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated March 14, 2001, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit B to Cascade Investment's Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D with respect to Pan American Silver Corp. on March 19, 2001, SEC File No. 005-52919, and incorporated by reference herein.

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

* 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).

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