

REPUBLIC SERVICES INC  
Form 4  
February 24, 2003

<p><b>FORM 4</b></p> <p><small>o Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</small></p> <p><small>(Print or Type Responses)</small></p>	<p><b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b></p> <p><b>Washington, D.C. 20549</b></p> <p><b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . 0.5</p>
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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p><b>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</b></p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p><b>1551 Eastlake Avenue E.</b></p> <p>(Street)</p> <p><b>Seattle, WA 98102</b></p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><b>Republic Services, Inc. (RSG)</b></p>	<p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p><b>2/20/2003</b></p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>(1)</b> Other (specify below)</p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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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Common Stock	2/20/2003		P		25,000	A	19.25			
Common Stock	2/20/2003		P Code	V	25,000 Amount	(A) or (D)	19.30 Price	150,000	D	

**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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						

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

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

**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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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