
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) **October 28, 2004**_____

Republic Services, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-14267

(Commission File Number)

65-0716904

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

110 SE 6th Street, 28th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33301

(Zip Code)

(954) 769-2400

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On October 28, 2004, Republic Services, Inc. issued a press release to announce the appointment of Michael W. Wickham to the Company's Board of Directors, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto as an Exhibit.

From 1996 to 2003 Mr. Wickham served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Roadway Corporation. He also served as Chairman of Roadway during 2003 until his planned retirement in December 2003. Mr. Wickham is 56 years of age and meets the independence criteria as defined in the rules and regulations promulgated by the New York Stock Exchange.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibit

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of the Company dated October 28, 2004 to announce the appointment of Michael W. Wickham to the Company's Board of Directors.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

October 28, 2004

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Tod C. Holmes

Tod C. Holmes
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Charles F. Serianni

Charles F. Serianni
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal
Accounting Officer)

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**REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.
ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – October 28, 2004 – Republic Services, Inc. (NYSE: RSG) announced today that Michael W. Wickham, retired Chairman and retired CEO of Roadway Corporation, will serve on the Board of Directors of Republic Services, Inc. Mr. Wickham will be the seventh member of the Board of Directors of Republic Services, Inc.

Commenting on the announcement, Republic Chairman and Chief Executive Officer James E. O'Connor said, "We are very pleased that Mike has agreed to join our Board. He brings with him an excellent set of financial skills and operational knowledge, combined with the experience of serving as the Chairman and CEO of a multi-billion dollar company that has many parallel attributes with Republic."

Mr. Wickham served as the chairman of Roadway until his planned retirement in December 2003. His entire career was spent at Roadway where he held progressively more responsible positions throughout his 35-year career. Yellow Freight acquired Roadway in 2004.

Republic Background Information

Republic Services, Inc. is a leading provider of solid waste collection, transfer and disposal services in the United States. The Company's operating units are focused on providing solid waste services for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers. Republic Services is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol RSG. Additional information on the company is available at www.republicservices.com.

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