FORM 4

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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Republic Services, Inc. (RSG)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 2/20/2003	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) 10% Owner X(1) Other (specify below)
1551 Eastlake Avenue E. (Street) Seattle, WA 98102 (City) (State) (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -	- Non-Derivative	Securities Acquired	l, 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 (Instr. 8) Code	Code	4. Securities Act (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 Amount	quired (A) or Disp	posed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	2/20/2003		P		25,000	A	19.25			
Common Stock	2/20/2003		P		25,000	A	19.30	150,000	D	

	Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
	2. Conversion		3A. Deemed	4. Transact (Instr. 8)	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		l Amount ing d 4)	Deriv Secur Bene	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	ve 10. S Ownership ally Form of Derivative 11. Nat g Securities: of Indii d Direct (D) or Benefic ion(s) Indirect (I) Owners	11. Nature
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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 ** Signature of Reporting Person 2/21/03 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

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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