FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  TRANI JOHN M  2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2008 |                    |          | nent                | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REPUBLIC SERVICES INC [ RSG ] |                            |   |   |             |  |   |  |  |
|--|--------------------|----------|---------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|-------------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) C/O JOHN M.   | (First) TRANI, LLC | (Middle) |                     |   |                            | ationship of Reporting Perso<br>( all applicable)<br>Director | n(s) to Issu<br>10% Owr   |             | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           |   |  |  |
| 30 STANFORD DRIVE  |                    |          |                     |   | Officer (give title below) |   | Other (specify below)   |             | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                        |   |  |  |
| (Street) FARMINGTON CT 06032   |                    | 06032    |                     |   |                            |   |   |             | X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)            | (Zip)    |                     |   |                            |   |   |             |  |   |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   |                    |          |                     |   |                            |   |   |             |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)  |                    |          |                     |   |                            | ially Owned (Instr. 4)  | 3. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |             | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5)                           |   |  |  |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value  |                    |          |                     |   |                            | 0   | D   |             |  |   |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)       |                    |          |                     |   |                            |   |   |             |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year                              |                    |          | ate                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securi<br>Underlying Derivative Securi             |                            |   |   | rcise Form: |  | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |  |  |
|  |                    |          | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiratior<br>Date  | n Title                    | e   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                            |             | ative  | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5)                 |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Jo Lynn White, Attorney-in-12/09/2008

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 5 (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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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Timothy R. Donovan or Jo Lynn White as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, and with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Republic Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorneys-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to either of such attorneys-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either of such attorneys-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Company nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that either of such attorneys-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to both of the attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of December, 2008.

/s/ John M. Trani Signature

John M. Trani Print Name On this 8th day of December, 2008, John M. Trani personally appeared before me, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

/s/ Susanne A. Webb Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

9/17/12