

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TRUST</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE E.</u> (Street) <u>SEATTLE WA 98102</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/06/2009</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC. [RSG]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) _____ (See Footnote 1)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,350,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

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. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person and any other person or persons in fact constitute a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the reporting person disclaims that it is the beneficial owner of securities owned by such other person or persons, except to the extent of the reporting person's pecuniary interest, if any, therein.

Remarks:

*Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated November 13, 2006, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates, as Co-Trustees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust's Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13G with respect to Coca-Cola FEMSA, S.A. de C.V. on February 13, 2007, SEC File No. 005-52421, and incorporated by reference herein.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-in-Fact for each of the Co-Trustees, William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates 01/08/2009

** 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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