

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GATES BILL & MELINDA FOUNDATION</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE E.</u> (Street) <u>SEATTLE WA 98102</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>REPUBLIC SERVICES INC [RSG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>see footnote (1)</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/03/2003</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		2,000	A	\$22.35	852,000	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		3,000	A	\$22.4	855,000	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		6,300	A	\$22.49	861,300	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		6,100	A	\$22.5	867,400	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		1,100	A	\$22.52	868,500	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		1,700	A	\$22.53	870,200	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		11,300	A	\$22.54	881,500	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		400	A	\$22.55	881,900	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		2,100	A	\$22.56	884,000	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		8,000	A	\$22.57	892,000	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		5,000	A	\$22.58	897,000	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2003		P		3,000	A	\$22.6	900,000 ⁽¹⁾	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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	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. 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.

Remarks:

Michael Larson, on behalf of William H. Gates III. Authorized under power of attorney dated 3/14/2001 by William H. Gates III, filed on 10/07/2003 3/19/2001 with Cascade Investment's Schedule 13D, SEC File No. 005-52919

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

* 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).

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