### FORM 4

\_\_ Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

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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)	Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)X(1)_ Other (specify below)
1551 Eastlake Avenue E.	Republic Services, Inc. (RSG)	02/28/03	
(Street)	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
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## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	Tany (Monun/Day/	3. Transaction (Instr. 8)	Code	4. Securities Acc (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		posed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 3)	Year)	Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		2,500	Α	18.91			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		1,300	A	18.92			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		3,000	A	18.93			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		1,300	A	18.94			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		24,500	A	18.95			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		10,400	A	18.96			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		4,500	A	18.97			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		1,200	Α	18.98			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		4,000	A	19.01			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		4,200	A	19.04			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		29,000	A	19.05			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		3,100	A	19.07			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		4,000	A	19.08			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		3,500	A	19.09			
Common Stock	02/28/03		P		3,500	Α	19.10	250,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	3	3A. Deemed	4. Transaction Code		Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			9. Number of Derivative Securities	10. Ownership Form of	11. Nature	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Derivative Exercise Price of Security Derivative	Transaction Date (Month/Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or	Derivative Security	Following Reported Transaction(s)	Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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<sup>\*</sup> If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Explanation of Respo	nses:
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(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	2/28/03
** Signature of Reporting Person	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 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).

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