FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     OCONNOR JAMES E							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REPUBLIC SERVICES INC [ RSG ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner     Officer (give title Other (specify)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 110 S.E. 6TH STREET 28TH FLOOR						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2005								below)	1	f Exe	below)			
(Street) FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33301				4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)			vative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Date (Month/D		Exo if a	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		3, 4 and 5	Securitie Benefici Owned F Reported	es ally Following d	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
						_			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3						
Common	Stock			05/03				M		15,000	A	\$14.55	_	2.1638	D					
Common Stock 0				05/03	05/03/2005						15,000	D	\$35.25	76,91	5,912.1638		D			
Common Stock (				05/03	05/03/2005						50,000	A	\$18.062	25 126,9	12.1638		D			
Common Stock 09					05/03/2005						50,000	D	\$35.5	76,91	2.1638		D			
Common Stock 05/03/3					/2005	005			M		12,000	A	\$18.062	25 88,91	12.1638		D			
Common Stock 05/03/					/2005	005			S		12,000	D	\$35.75	76,91	12.1638		D			
Common Stock 05/04/2					/2005	)05			M		500	A	\$18.062	25 77,41	7,412.1638		D			
Common Stock 05/04/2					/2005	)05			S		500	D	\$35.75	76,91	5,912.1638		D			
Common Stock 05/0				05/04	/2005				M		37,500	A	\$18.062	25 114,4	114,412.1638		D			
Common Stock 05/				05/04	/2005				S		37,500	D	\$35.75	76,912	76,912.1638 <sup>(1)</sup>		D			
Common Stock														949.7	949.2954 <sup>(2)</sup>		I	By 401(k) Plan		
			Table II								posed of, convertil			Owned		<u>'</u>				
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. Transa Code ( 8)				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		ate	7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Common Stock Option	\$14.55	05/03/2005			M			15,000	(3)	)	01/30/2011	Common Stock	15,000	\$0.00	0		D			
Common Stock Option	\$18.0625	05/03/2005			M			50,000	(4)		12/07/2008	Common Stock	50,000	\$0.00	12,50	0	D			
Common Stock Option	\$18.0625	05/03/2005						12,000	(4)	)	12/07/2008	Common Stock	12,000	\$0.00	500		D			
Common Stock Option	\$18.0625	05/04/2005			М			500	(4)		12/07/2008	Common Stock	500	\$0.00	0		D			
Common Stock Option	\$18.0625 05/04/2005			М			37,500	(4)		12/07/2008	Common Stock	37,500	\$0.00	150,000		D				

- 1. Includes 755.287 shares purchased under the Republic Services, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 2. Includes 136.436 shares acquired during the first quarter of 2005 by 401(k) Plan.
- 3. The options vested in four equal installments commencing on 01/30/2001.
- 4. The options vested in four equal installments commencing on 12/07/1998.

## Remarks:

/s/ David A. Barclay, Attorneyin-Fact 05/04/2005

\*\* 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 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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