

REPUBLIC SERVICES INC
 Form 3
 February 14, 2003

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FORM 3	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549	OMB APPROVAL
	INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES 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	OMB Number: 3235-0104 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . 0.5

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Last) (First) (Middle) 1551 Eastlake Avenue E. (Street) Seattle Washington 98102 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2003 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Republic Services, Inc. (RSG) 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 7. 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
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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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	100,000	D	

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