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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

April 3, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC
(Registrant's name)

3 Redwood Crescent
Peel Park
East Kilbride G74 5PR
Scotland
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No ..X..

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Exhibit Index

The following document (bearing the exhibit number listed below) is furnished herewith and is made a part of this Report pursuant to the General Instructions for Form 6-K:

| Exhibit | Description |
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| No. 1 | RNS Announcement, re: March Output Statement dated 3 April 2003 |

BRITISH ENERGY plc - OUTPUT STATEMENT

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MARCH OUTPUT STATEMENT

A summary of net output from all of British Energy's power stations in March 2003 is given in the table below, together with comparative data for the previous financial year:

| | March | | 2001/02 Year to Date | | March | | 2002/03 |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) |
| UK Nuclear | 5.48 | 77 | 67.57 | 81 | 5.59 | 79 | 63 |
| UK Other | 0.66 | 46 | 7.11 | 42 | 0.45 | 31 | 5 |
| Amergen* | 1.78 | 100 | 18.66 | 89 | 1.86 | 100 | 20 |
| (50% owned) | | | | | | | |

NOTES:

* AmerGen Total capacity was increased following the upgrading in Clinton's capacity in spring 2002 to 1017 MWe and the upgrading in TMI unit 1 capacity to 840 MWe in autumn 2001 following a turbine replacement.

OVERVIEW

The UK nuclear plants achieved the revised output target, announced in August 2002, of 63 TWh

(plus or minus 1 TWh).

The output figure for AmerGen remained in line with plan.

PLANNED OUTAGES

UK Nuclear

- A statutory outage continued at Dungeness B.
- Off-load refuelling was carried out on one reactor each at Dungeness B, Heysham 1 and Hartlepool.
- Low load refuelling was carried out on one reactor each at Hinkley Point B, Hunterston B and Heysham 2.

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UNPLANNED OUTAGES

UK Nuclear

- There were a number of minor unplanned outages at several stations in the period.

CONTACTS

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 3, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____ Paul Heward _____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations