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November 24, 2003

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

November 24, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC  
(Registrant's name)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ..... No ..X..

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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
No. 1.	RNS Announcement, re: Heysham 1 Update, dated 24 November 2003

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HEYSHAM 1 UPDATE

Following the completion of the previously announced inspection programme of the seawater cooling pipework, British Energy has identified a requirement to carry out additional repairs on each of the two reactors at Heysham 1. It is now estimated that both reactors will return to service around the middle of December 2003. This is almost 3 weeks later than the previously estimated return to service dates.

As a result of the additional work, British Energy expects that the total loss of output and the aggregate cash cost arising from the unplanned outages at Heysham 1 and Sizewell B amount to c1.7TWh and cGBP50m respectively.

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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: November 24, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_Paul Heward\_\_\_\_\_

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Title: Director - Investor Relations