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October 22, 2004

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

October 22, 2004

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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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: Output Statement dated 22 October 2004

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### BRITISH ENERGY plc - OUTPUT STATEMENT

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

	2003/04				2004/05			
	September		Year to Date		September		Year to Date	
	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)
UK Nuclear	5.70	83	33.25	79	4.49	65	28.68	68
UK Other	0.40	29	2.24	26	0.55	39	3.07	36

#### Planned Outages

- A statutory outage was started on one unit at Heysham 1.
- One unit at Hartlepool was shut down for most of the month to carry out planned work on cast iron pipework.
- Low load refuelling was carried out on both units at Hinkley Point B and on one unit at Heysham 2 and Hunterston B.
- One unit at Hunterston B returned to service after completing a shut down to carry out planned work on the feed system reported last month.

#### Restart

- One unit at Heysham 1 and one unit at Hartlepool remain shut down. The work to demonstrate the integrity of certain boilers has been largely completed. However, further work is required to be completed before the units can be returned to service.

#### Output

- In light of the above, the current target of nuclear output for 2004/2005 of 61.5TWh is vulnerable. An update will be provided in the prospectus expected to be issued in accordance with the Agreed Restructuring.

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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.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_John Searles\_\_\_\_\_

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