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Form 6-K
October 26, 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 26, 2004

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: Section 198 Notice dated 26 October 2004

26 October 2004

British Energy plc

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UK COMPANIES ACT 1985 - SECTIONS 198-203 - British Energy plc (the "Company")

Pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, the Company has received notification that as at the close of business of 12 October 2004 UBS AG, acting through its business group and legal entities detailed below, had an interest in 2,571,278 'A' shares of British Energy Plc representing 3.18 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company.

UBS business group/legal entity	Breakdown of position held	(%)
UBS AG London Branch	2,571,278	3.18%
UBS AG - Total	2,571,278	3.18%

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: October 26, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____ John Searles _____

Name: John Searles

Title: Director - Investor Relations