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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

August 17, 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..

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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
No. 1	RNS Announcement, re: July Output Statement dated 17 August 2004

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BRITISH ENERGY plc - OUTPUT STATEMENT

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

	2003/04				2004/05			
	July Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Year to Date Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	July Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Year to Date Output (TWh)	Lo Fac (%)
UK Nuclear	5.14	72	22.18	79	4.78	67	19.80	7
UK Other	0.40	28	1.49	26	0.56	39	1.97	3

Planned Outages

- A statutory outage continued on one unit at Torness.
- Low load refuelling was carried out on both units at Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B.

Unplanned Outages

- One unit at Dungeness was shutdown through out July to carry out repairs to the generator and returned to service on 6 August 2004.
- One unit at Heysham 2 was shutdown on 5 July 2004 to carry out gas circulator inspections and returned to service on 13 August 2004.

Boilers

- A statutory outage on one unit at Hartlepool was completed. However the unit has not returned to service pending potential work to be carried out to demonstrate the integrity of certain boilers.
- One unit at Heysham 1 was shutdown pending work to demonstrate the integrity of certain boilers.

Nuclear Output Target

The Company recently announced its revised target of annual nuclear output in its statement dated 30 July 2004.

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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: August 17, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By:____Paul Heward____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations