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February 17, 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

February 16, 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: January Output Statement dated 16 February 2004

16 FEBRUARY 2003

British Energy plc

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BRITISH ENERGY plc - OUTPUT STATEMENT

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

	2002/03				2003/04			
	January Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Year to Date Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	January Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Year to Date Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)
Nuclear	6.45	91	52.38	75	5.72	80	53.71	
Coal	0.90	62	4.70	33	1.03	71	5.79	

Nuclear

Planned Outages

- * A refuelling outage was commenced on one reactor at Hartlepool.
- * Low load refuelling was carried out on both reactors at Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B and on one reactor each at Torness and Heysham 2.

Unplanned Outages

- * Both units at Heysham 1 remained shutdown throughout January following the failure of a seawater cooling pipe.
- * Both units at Heysham 1 have now commenced their return to service.

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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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BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____Paul Heward_____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations