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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

January 8, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC
(Registrant's name)

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East Kilbride G74 5PR
Scotland
(Address of principal executive offices)

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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 |
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| No. 1 | RNS Announcement, re: December Output Statement dated 8 January 2003 |

No. 1

BRITISH ENERGY plc - OUTPUT STATEMENT

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A summary of net output from all of British Energy's power stations in December 2002 is given in the table below, together with comparative data for the previous financial year:-

| | 2001/02 | | | | 2002/03 | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| | December | | Year to Date | | December | | |
| | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | |
| UK Nuclear | 6.24 | 88 | 50.28 | 80 | 5.91 | 83 | |
| UK Other | 0.72 | 50 | 5.07 | 40 | 0.85 | 59 | |
| Bruce Power (82.42% owned) | 1.77 | 76 | 15.45* | 87* | 1.77 | 75 | |
| Amergen (50% owned) | 1.60 | 90 | 13.47 | 86** | 1.87 | 101.1 | |

* The figures for the year to date in 2001 for Bruce Power cover a shorter period from Financial Close on 12th May 2001

* *The capacity for Clinton was up-graded in spring of this year to 1017 MWe and the capacity of TMI unit 1 increased to 840 MWe following a turbine replacement in autumn 2001.

OVERVIEW

The UK nuclear plant remain on track to achieve the revised target, announced in August 2002, of 63 TWh (plus or minus 1 TWh) by 31st March 2003.

The output figures for both AmerGen and Bruce Power remain in line with the plan after allowing for the higher number of planned outages in the current year.

PLANNED OUTAGES

UK Nuclear

- Off-load refuelling was carried out on one reactor each at Dungeness B and Heysham 1.
- Low load refuelling was carried out on both reactors at Heysham 2 and on one reactor each at Hinkley Point B, Hunterston B and Torness.

Bruce

Bruce unit 7 completed its planned outage and was synchronised to the grid on 30th December 2002.

UNPLANNED OUTAGES

- Repairs to a boiler feed pump were undertaken on one unit at Dungeness B and a gas circulator was replaced on one unit at Heysham 1.

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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: January 8, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____ Paul Heward _____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations