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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

May 5, 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 |
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| No. 1 | RNS Announcement, re: April Output Statement dated May 5, 2004 |

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BRITISH ENERGY plc - OUTPUT STATEMENT

A summary of net output from British Energy's power stations in April 2004 is given in the table below, together with comparative data for the previous financial year:-

| | 2003/04 | | | | 2004/05 | | | |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| | April | | Year to Date | | April | | Year to D | |
| | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | F |
| UK Nuclear | 5.52 | 80 | 5.52 | 80 | 5.12 | 74 | 5.12 | |
| UK Other | 0.38 | 27 | 0.38 | 27 | 0.58 | 42 | 0.58 | |

Planned Outages

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

Unplanned Outage

- * Following a rotor earth fault, one generating unit at Sizewell B has been shutdown to carry out repairs. It is expected to return to service by early June. The other generator unit continues to generate at nominal full load and therefore Sizewell B is currently operating at 50% of full capacity.

Overview

On 19th March 2004, the Company announced that its indicative target for nuclear output for 2004/05 was 64.5TWh. This target remains unaltered.

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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: May 5, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____Paul Heward_____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations