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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

September 5, 2003

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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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: August Output Statement dated September 5, 2003 |

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BRITISH ENERGY plc - AUGUST OUTPUT STATEMENT

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

| | 2002/03 | | | | 2003/04 | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | August | | Year to Date | | August | | Year to Date | |
| | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) | Output (TWh) | Load Factor (%) |
| UK - Nuclear | 5.48 | 77 | 26.15 | 74 | 5.37 | 75 | 27.55 | 78 |
| UK - Coal | 0.05 | 3 | 1.08 | 15 | 0.35 | 24 | 1.84 | 26 |
| USA - AmerGen (50% owned) | 1.81 | 98 | 7.92 | 87 | 1.75 | 95 | 8.85 | 97 |

OVERVIEW

The output figures for both the UK and AmerGen nuclear plant remain in line with plan.

UK - Nuclear

Planned Outages

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

UK - Coal

Planned Outages

- One unit at Eggborough returned from planned maintenance outage. Another unit remained on outage in connection with the installation of flue lining as part of the FGD programme.

CONTACTS

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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: September 5, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____ Paul Heward _____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations