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January 12, 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

January 12, 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.

Form 20-F..X.. Form 40-F.....

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: Notice of Issued Common Stock 12 January 2004

British Energy plc

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UK COMPANIES ACT 1985 - SECTIONS 198-203 - British Energy plc (the "Company")

This notification relates to issued common stock of the Company ("shares") and is given in fulfilment of the obligations imposed by sections 198 to 203 of the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act").

We hereby notify you that as at close of business on 8 January 2004, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc ("GS Inc") of 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004, USA, was interested, by attribution only, in a total of 18,857,726 shares.

Of these 18,857,726 shares:

- The interest in 13,208,833 shares arose from the interest held by Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("GS&Co."), acting as custodian. These shares are, or will be, registered in the name of Goldman Sachs Securities (Nominees), Limited.
- The interest in 4,819,800 shares arose from the interest held by GS&Co. acting as custodian of 64,264 American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"). These ADRs are, or will be, held at the Depositary Trust Company of New York.
- The interest in 829,093 shares arose from a beneficial interest held by Goldman Sachs International. These shares are, or will be, registered at CREST in account CREPTMP.

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 12, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____ Paul Heward _____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations