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March 04, 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

March 4, 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: February Output Statement dated 4 March, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY plc - OUTPUT STATEMENT

A summary of net output from British Energy's power stations in February is

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given in the table below, together with comparative data for the previous financial year.

	2002/03				2003/04			
	February		Output (TWh)	Year to Date		February		Output Factor (%)
Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Load Factor (%)		Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Output (TWh)	Load	
UK Nuclear	5.79	90	58.17	76	5.34	80	59.05	
UK Other	0.53	41	5.23	34	1.15	85	6.94	

### Planned Outages

- A refuelling outage was completed on one reactor at Hartlepool and another carried out on one reactor at Dungeness B
- Low load refuelling was carried out on one reactor each at Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B.

### Unplanned Outages

- Both reactors at Heysham 1 returned to service following the seawater cooling pipe failure outage
- One reactor at Torness was shutdown as a precautionary measure for an exchange of a potentially defective fuel assembly before returning to service late February.

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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\_\_\_\_\_

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