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December 17, 2003

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

December 17, 2003

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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Yes ..... No ..X..

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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: November Output Statement dated 17 December 2003

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NOVEMBER OUTPUT STATEMENT

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

	2002/03				2003/04			
	November		Year to Date		November		Year to Date	
	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)	Output (TWh)	Load Factor (%)
UK - Nuclear	4.96	72	40.01	71	4.95	72	42.82	
UK - Coal	0.80	57	2.96	26	0.74	53	3.86	
AmerGen (50% owned)	1.80	101	12.94	89	1.16	65.1	13.28	

### Heysham 1 Up-date

As announced on 16 December, having now reviewed the results of the inspections of the sea water cooling pipework, British Energy has decided that it is necessary to extend the current outage in order to replace further pipework.

In light of this, the Company has revised its annual nuclear output forecast for the year ending 31 March 2004 downwards from 67 TWh to around 65.5 TWh on the assumption that Heysham 1 returns to service in the first half of February 2004.

### UK - Nuclear

#### Planned Outages

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

### AmerGen

#### Planned Outage

- A planned outage continued at Three-Mile Island Unit 1 throughout November.

### 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: December 17, 2003

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By:\_\_\_\_Paul Heward\_\_\_\_

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations