

SCOTTISH POWER PLC
Form 6-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2005

SCOTTISH POWER PLC

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

CORPORATE OFFICE, 1 ATLANTIC QUAY, GLASGOW, G2 8SP

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of 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

(If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____ .)

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1. Announcement of Scottish Power plc, released on March 30, 2005, regarding the issuance of a trading statement.

Safe Harbor

Some statements contained in the attached announcement are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These include statements with respect to Scottish Power plc, its corporate plans, strategies and beliefs and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements can be identified by the use of the forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, anticipate, believe, intend, estimate, continue, plan, project, target, on track to, strategy, aim, similar words. These statements are based on management's assumptions and beliefs in light of the information available to it. These assumptions involve risks and uncertainties which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

We wish to caution readers, and others to whom forward-looking statements are addressed, that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results may differ materially from estimates in the forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof. We identified in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, important factors that may cause results to differ from expectations.

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.

/s/ Scottish Power plc

(Registrant)

Date: March 30, 2005

By: /s/ Donald McPherson

Donald McPherson
Assistant Company Secretary

SCOTTISHPOWER TRADING UPDATE.

ScottishPower is today issuing a trading statement prior to entering its close period and the announcement of its preliminary results on 24 May 2005.

Our outlook for the group for the full year to 31 March 2005 remains unchanged from that indicated in our third quarter statement on 10 February 2005.

In the quarter, increased contribution from UK Division's Damhead Creek and Brighton power stations and PPM's energy management activities offset a slightly lower than expected contribution from PacifiCorp due to low rain fall reducing hydro electric availability.

Over the winter there has also been less snow than usual, which will reduce the availability of PacifiCorp's hydro generation during the next six months. While this will impact PacifiCorp's result for the year to 31 March 2006, our expectations for the group are unchanged.

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