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Form 6-K
October 20, 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

October 20, 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: Section 198 Notice dated 20 October 2004

20 October 2004

British Energy plc

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UK COMPANIES ACT 1985 - SECTIONS 198-202 - British Energy plc (the "Company")

In accordance with Section 198-202 of the UK Companies Act 1985, the Company has received notification from Deutsche Bank AG that on the basis that the relevant issued share capital of the Company is 620,362,444 ordinary shares, Deutsche Bank AG and its subsidiary companies have a notifiable interest in 45,392,928 ordinary shares of British Energy plc, amounting to 7.32%. Part of this holding may relate to hedging arrangements for customer transactions.

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: October 20, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By:____John Searles____

Name: John Searles

Title: Director - Investor Relations