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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

September 06, 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 |
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| No. 1 | RNS Announcement, re: Section 198 Notice dated 06 September 2004 6 September 2004 |

British Energy plc

Notification for the purposes of sections 198-203 Companies Act 1985 - British Energy plc (the "Company")

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This notification relates to the ordinary shares of the Company (the "shares") and is given in fulfilment of the obligations imposed under section 198 Companies Act 1985 (the "Act").

The Company has received notification that on 31 August 2004, Morgan Stanley Securities Limited ("MSSL") acquired an interest in the shares that resulted in their holding a total of 13,610,618, being approximately 3.04% of the issued share capital of the Company.

The Company was also notified that on 1 September 2004 MSSL disposed of its interest in some of the shares, with the result that MSSL, and the group companies which are direct or indirect holding companies of MSSL, no longer hold a notifiable interest in the shares in accordance with Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985.

MSSL is a member of the Morgan Stanley group of companies. Those group companies which are direct or indirect holding companies of MSSL are, under the terms of section 203 of the Companies Act 1985, each interested by attribution in any shares in which MSSL is interested.

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: September 06, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By:____John Searles____

Name: John Searles

Title: Director - Investor Relations