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Form 6-K
August 18, 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

August 18, 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 18 August 2004

18 August 2004

British Energy plc

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

The Company has today received notification from Polygon Investment Partners LLP ("Polygon") that they have a notifiable interest in the share capital of British Energy plc.

The shares in which Polygon are interested are 35,000,000 ordinary shares of 44 28/43p each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares"), representing 5.64% of the allotted, called up and fully paid share capital. Polygon's interest in these Shares arises by virtue of section 208 of the Act. The Shares are registered in the name of Vidacos Nominees UBS London - 2303, 25 Molesworth Street, Lewisham, London, SE13 7EX. The beneficial owner of the shares is Polygon Global Opportunities Masterfund.

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: August 18, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By:____Paul Heward____

Name: Paul Heward

Title: Director - Investor Relations