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June 22, 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

June 22, 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 |
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| No. 1 | RNS Announcement, re: Appt of Finance Director dated 22 June 2004 |

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BRITISH ENERGY plc

Appointment of Stephen Billingham as Finance Director Designate

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British Energy announces the appointment of Stephen Billingham as Finance Director Designate.

Dr Billingham will join the company in the summer. After a handover period, it is intended that he takes over as Finance Director from Martin Gatto, the current interim Finance Director and that he will be appointed to the Board.

Dr Billingham joins British Energy from WS Atkins plc, the engineering consultancy and support service group, where he has been Group Finance Director during its successful financial recovery. Prior to his current role at WS Atkins plc, he led the finance team that successfully closed the Metronet, London Underground Public Private Partnership, the largest and most complex PFI/ PPP to date. Dr Billingham has over 20 years experience in senior finance positions with companies including BICC plc, Severn Trent plc and the Burmah Oil plc.

Mike Alexander, Chief Executive of British Energy, said;

"I am delighted to welcome Stephen Billingham to British Energy. He has an excellent track record with major international companies. His experience of corporate recovery in Atkins and involvement in delivering complex financial solutions will bring real value to the management team as we execute our financial restructuring."

Commenting on his appointment, Stephen Billingham said:

"I join British Energy at a crucial time as it re-establishes itself as a major player in the UK energy market. I look forward to playing a full part in the restoration of the company."

For further information:

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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: June 22, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By: _____Paul Heward_____

Name: Paul Heward
Title: Director - Investor Relations