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August 27, 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 27, 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
No. 1	RNS Announcement, re: Directorate Change dated 27 August 2004

British Energy plc

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British Energy plc

NEW INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO THE BOARD

British Energy announced today that David Pryde has been appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company with effect from 1 September 2004.

Mr Pryde has extensive Trading and Risk Management experience. Having formerly headed precious metals trading in Asia for NM Rothschild and Sons Ltd and Philipp Brothers Inc he joined JP Morgan and Co Inc. in 1984 and subsequently held various senior management positions in Trading businesses, including Global Head of Precious Metals Trading, Global Head of Commodity Derivatives Trading and Marketing and Global Head of Futures and Options Brokerage. He sat on the Boards of the Commodity Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Futures Industry Association.

Mr Pryde, 54, was born in Stirling, Scotland and is currently resident in the U.S.A.

Adrian Montague, Chairman of British Energy plc said;

"British Energy faces significant challenges and the Trading Strategy is key to our future success. David Pryde's background and skills will be of great benefit to us in developing and implementing our Trading and Risk Management Strategies. I welcome him to the Board of British Energy."

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There is no information required to be disclosed under paragraphs 6.F.2(b) to (g) of the Listing Rules.

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

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undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 27, 2004

BRITISH ENERGY PLC

By:____John Searles____

Name: John Searles

Title: Director - Investor Relations