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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

January 18, 2005

BRITISH ENERGY GROUP 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 12q3-2 (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: Placing of Shares dated 18 January 2005

18 January 2005

British Energy Group plc

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British Energy Group plc ("BEG") announces the successful placing by HSBC Bank plc of the shares and warrants of BEG attributable to those former shareholders of British Energy plc who did not elect to receive their shares and warrants in BEG. A total of 3,939,958 shares and 8,068,364 warrants were placed yesterday evening at prices, before expenses, of 255p and 162p respectively, with the share placing 6.8 times oversubscribed and the warrant placing 2.4 times oversubscribed.

Proceeds from the placing will be remitted in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the circular to shareholders of British Energy plc dated 29 November 2004.

Enquiries

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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: January 18, 2005 BRITISH ENERGY GROUP PLC

By:____John Searles____

Name: John Searles

Title: Director - Investor Relations