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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_) \*

British Energy Group plc

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(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares 10p each

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(Title of Class of Securities)

GB00B04QKW59 (ISIN Number)

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(CUSIP Number)

January 17, 2005

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
Farallon Capital Partners, L.P.  
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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)  
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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
4 California  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
-0-

6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
7,967,840 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
7,967,840 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
7,967,840 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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1.4% [See Preliminary Note]

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)
PN

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California

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
-0-
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
6,386,860 Ordinary Shares
[See Preliminary Note]
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
-0-
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
6,386,860 Ordinary Shares
[See Preliminary Note]

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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6,386,860 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 1.1% [See Preliminary Note]

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) PN

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER -0- NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING 6 SHARED VOTING POWER 788,468 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note] 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

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PERSON WITH -----  
 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
 8  
 788,468 Ordinary Shares  
 [See Preliminary Note]  
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 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 9  
 788,468 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]  
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 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
 10 CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]  
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 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 11  
 0.1% [See Preliminary Note]  
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 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
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 Delaware  
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|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
|  |   | SHARED VOTING POWER   |
| SHARES   | 6 |   |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH |   | 682,779 Ordinary Shares<br>[See Preliminary Note]                                   |
| -----  |   |   |
|  |   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
| EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH                       | 7 |   |
|  |   | -0-   |
| -----  |   |   |
|  |   | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
|  | 8 |   |
|  |   | 682,779 Ordinary Shares<br>[See Preliminary Note]                                   |
| -----  |   |   |
| 9  |   | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON                        |
|  |   | 682,779 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]                                      |
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| 10   |   | CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) |
|  |   | [ ]   |
| -----  |   |   |
| 11   |   | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                                   |
|  |   | 0.1% [See Preliminary Note]   |
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| 12   |   | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)   |
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New York

|              |   |                          |
|--------------|---|--------------------------|
|              |   | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
|              | 5 | -0-                      |
| NUMBER OF    |   | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| SHARES       | 6 | 226,638 Ordinary Shares  |
| BENEFICIALLY |   | [See Preliminary Note]   |
| OWNED BY     |   |                          |
| EACH         |   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| REPORTING    | 7 | -0-                      |
| PERSON WITH  |   | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|              | 8 | 226,638 Ordinary Shares  |
|              |   | [See Preliminary Note]   |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 226,638 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 0.0% [See Preliminary Note]

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
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      Delaware
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      SOLE VOTING POWER
      5
      -0-
NUMBER OF
      SHARED VOTING POWER
      SHARES
      6      13,663,773 Ordinary Shares
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY      [See Preliminary Note]
      EACH
      7      SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING PERSON WITH      -0-
      8      SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
      13,663,773 Ordinary Shares
      [See Preliminary Note]
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9      AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
      13,663,773 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]
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10     CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
      CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)
      [ ]
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11     PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
      2.4% [See Preliminary Note]
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12     TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)
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                SOLE VOTING POWER
                5
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NUMBER OF
                SHARED VOTING POWER
                6
                16,052,585 Ordinary Shares
                [See Preliminary Note]
                OWNED BY
                SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
                7
                -0-
                REPORTING
                PERSON WITH
                SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
                8
                16,052,585 Ordinary Shares
                [See Preliminary Note]
=====
                AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
9
                16,052,585 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]
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                CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
10      CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)
                                [   ]
=====
                PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
11
                2.9% [See Preliminary Note]
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5 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
United States  
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6 SOLE VOTING POWER  
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7 SHARED VOTING POWER  
6  
29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]  
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8 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
7  
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9 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
8  
29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]  
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10 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
9  
29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]  
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11 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)  
10  
[ ]  
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12 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
11  
5.3% [See Preliminary Note]  
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13 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
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Joseph F. Downes

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United States

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 SOLE VOTING POWER

5

-0-

NUMBER OF  
 SHARES  
 BENEFICIALLY  
 OWNED BY

6

SHARED VOTING POWER  
 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
 [See Preliminary Note]

EACH  
 REPORTING  
 PERSON WITH

7

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
 -0-

8

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
 [See Preliminary Note]

-----  
 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

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 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
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[ ]

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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William F. Duhamel

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SOLE VOTING POWER

5 -0-

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY

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SHARED VOTING POWER

6 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

10

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[ ]

11

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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Charles E. Ellwein

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SOLE VOTING POWER

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH

6

SHARED VOTING POWER

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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SOLE VOTING POWER

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|--------------|-------|--|
|              |       | -0-  |
| NUMBER OF    | ----- | =====  |
|              |       | SHARED VOTING POWER  |
| SHARES       | 6     |  |
| BENEFICIALLY |       | 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares   |
| OWNED BY     |       | [See Preliminary Note]   |
|              | ----- | =====  |
| EACH         |       | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|              | 7     |  |
| REPORTING    |       | -0-  |
| PERSON WITH  | ----- | =====  |
|              |       | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
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|   |       | Monica R. Landry   |
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      I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
      William F. Mellin
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2      CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)
                                           (a) [   ]
                                           (b) [ X ]**

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|              | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  |
| 4            | United States   |
| =====        |   |
|              | SOLE VOTING POWER   |
| 5            | -0-   |
| NUMBER OF    | -----   |
| SHARES       | SHARED VOTING POWER   |
| BENEFICIALLY | 6   |
| OWNED BY     | 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  |
| EACH         | [See Preliminary Note]  |
| REPORTING    | -----   |
| PERSON WITH  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
| 7            | -0-   |
|              | -----   |
|              | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
| 8            | 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  |
|              | [See Preliminary Note]  |
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| 9            | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON                        |
|              | 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]                                   |
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| 11           | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                                   |
|              | 5.3% [See Preliminary Note]   |
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| 12           | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)   |
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Stephen L. Millham

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NUMBER OF  
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BENEFICIALLY  
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EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

5

SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

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SHARED VOTING POWER

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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8

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

9

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

10

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.3% [See Preliminary Note]

12

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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Rajiv A. Patel

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
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NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY

6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
-0-  
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.3% [See Preliminary Note]

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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Derek C. Schrier

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(a) [ ]

(b) [ X ]\*\*

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SOLE VOTING POWER

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NUMBER OF

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SHARED VOTING POWER

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SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

EACH

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

-----  
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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29,716,358 Ordinary Shares [See Preliminary Note]

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 Thomas F. Steyer  
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|                            | 5     | SOLE VOTING POWER                                    |
|                            |       | -0-  |
| NUMBER OF                  | ----- | -----  |
| SHARES                     | 6     | SHARED VOTING POWER                                  |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH |       | 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares<br>[See Preliminary Note] |
| REPORTING PERSON WITH      | 7     | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER                               |
|                            |       | -0-  |
|                            | 8     | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER                             |
|                            |       | 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares                           |

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
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Mark C. Wehrly  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
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29,716,358 Ordinary Shares  
[See Preliminary Note]  
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NUMBER OF  
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REPORTING                           -0-
PERSON WITH                          -----
8
                                   SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
                                   29,716,358 Ordinary Shares
                                   [See Preliminary Note]
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5.3% [See Preliminary Note]
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12
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)
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Preliminary Note: The Reporting Persons (as defined below) are filing this Schedule 13G with respect to the Ordinary Shares, 10p each, (the "Ordinary Shares") of British Energy Group plc (the "Company"). Certain of the Reporting Persons own, in aggregate, 29,702,183 Ordinary Shares. In addition, certain of the Reporting Persons own, in aggregate, Warrants issued by the Company ("Warrants") which are immediately exercisable for an aggregate of 14,175 Ordinary Shares. If all of such Warrants were exercised, the Reporting Persons would own, in aggregate, 29,716,358 Ordinary Shares. All numbers and percentages contained in this Schedule 13G represent Ordinary Shares and not Warrants (unless stated otherwise). For information regarding the Warrants, see the Company's Form 6-K filed by the Company with the SEC on January 26, 2005.

Item 1. Issuer

(a) Name of Issuer:

British Energy Group plc

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

3 Redwood Crescent, Peel Park, East Kilbride, G74 5PR, United Kingdom

Item 2. Identity And Background

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Title Of Class Of Securities And CUSIP Number (Item 2(d) and (e))  
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This statement relates to Ordinary Shares, 10p each, of the Company.  
The ISIN number of the Ordinary Shares is GB00B04QKW59.

Name Of Persons Filing, Address Of Principal Business Office And  
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Citizenship (Item 2(a), (b) and (c))  
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This statement is filed by the entities and persons listed below, all  
of whom together are referred to herein as the "Reporting Persons."

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The Partnerships  
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- (i) Farallon Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("FCP"), with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by it through its ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants;
- (ii) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("FCIP"), with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by it through its ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants;
- (iii) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners II, L.P., a California limited partnership ("FCIP II"), with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by it through its ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants;
- (iv) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("FCIP III"), with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by it through its ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants; and
- (v) Tincum Partners, L.P., a New York limited partnership ("Tincum"), with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by it through its ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants.

FCP, FCIP, FCIP II, FCIP III and Tincum are together referred to  
herein as the "Partnerships."

The Management Company  
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- (vi) Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (the "Management Company"), with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by certain accounts managed by the Management Company (the "Managed Accounts") through their ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants.

The General Partner Of The Partnerships  
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- (vii) Farallon Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company which is the general partner of each of the Partnerships (the "General Partner"), with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by each of the Partnerships through their ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants;

The Managing Members Of the General Partner And The Management Company  
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- (viii) The following persons who are managing members of both the General Partner and the Management Company, with respect to the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by the Partnerships and the Managed Accounts: Chun

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R. Ding ("Ding"), Joseph F. Downes ("Downes"), William F. Duhamel ("Duhamel"), Charles E. Ellwein ("Ellwein"), Richard B. Fried ("Fried"), Monica R. Landry ("Landry"), William F. Mellin ("Mellin"), Stephen L. Millham ("Millham"), Rajiv A. Patel ("Patel"), Derek C. Schrier ("Schrier"), Thomas F. Steyer ("Steyer") and Mark C. Wehrly ("Wehrly").

Ding, Downes, Duhamel, Ellwein, Fried, Landry, Mellin, Millham, Patel, Schrier, Steyer and Wehrly are together referred to herein as the "Individual Reporting Persons."

The citizenship of each of the Partnerships, the General Partner and the Management Company is set forth above. Each of the Individual Reporting Persons is a United States citizen. The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C., One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1325, San Francisco, California 94111.

Item 3. If This Statement Is Filed Pursuant To Sections 240.13d-1(b) or  
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240.13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether The Person Filing Is An Entity  
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Specified in (a) - (j):  
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Not Applicable.

If This Statement Is Filed Pursuant To Section 240.13d-1(c), Check This  
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Box. [X]  
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Item 4. Ownership  
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The information required by Items 4(a) - (c) and set forth in Rows 5 through 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

The Ordinary Shares reported hereby for the Partnerships are beneficially owned by the Partnerships and those reported by the Management

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Company on behalf of the Managed Accounts are beneficially owned by the Managed Accounts through their ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants. The General Partner, as general partner to the Partnerships, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by the Partnerships through their ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants. The Management Company, as investment adviser to the Managed Accounts, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by the Managed Accounts through their ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants. The Individual Reporting Persons, as managing members of both the General Partner and the Management Company, may each be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by the Partnerships and the Managed Accounts through such entities' ownership of Ordinary Shares and Warrants. Each of the Management Company, the General Partner and the Individual Reporting Persons hereby disclaims any beneficial ownership of any such Ordinary Shares.

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Item 5. Ownership Of Five Percent Or Less Of A Class  
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Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership Of More Than Five Percent On Behalf Of Another Person  
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Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification And Classification Of The Subsidiary Which Acquired The  
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Security Being Reported On By The Parent Holding Company  
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Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification And Classification Of Members Of The Group  
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The Reporting Persons are filing this Schedule 13G pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c). Consistent with Item 2 of the cover page for each Reporting Person above, the Reporting Persons neither disclaim nor affirm the existence of a group among them.

Item 9. Notice Of Dissolution Of Group  
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Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification  
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By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES  
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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 27, 2005

/s/ Monica R. Landry  
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FARALLON PARTNERS, L.L.C.,  
on its own behalf and as General Partner of  
FARALLON CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III, L.P.,  
And TINICUM PARTNERS, L.P.  
By Monica R. Landry,  
Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry  
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FARALLON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.,  
By Monica R. Landry,  
Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry  
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Monica R. Landry, individually and as attorney-in-fact for each of Chun R. Ding, Joseph F. Downes, William F. Duhamel, Charles E. Ellwein, Richard B. Fried, William F. Mellin, Stephen L. Millham, Rajiv A. Patel, Derek C. Schrier, Thomas F. Steyer and Mark C. Wehrly.

The Powers of Attorney, each executed by Joseph F. Downes, William F. Duhamel, Richard B. Fried, William F. Mellin, Stephen L. Millham, Thomas F. Steyer and Mark C. Wehrly authorizing Monica R. Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13G on each person's behalf, which were filed with Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 16, 2003, by such Reporting Persons with respect to the Common Stock of New World Restaurant Group, Inc., are hereby incorporated by reference. The Powers of Attorney executed by each of Chun R. Ding and Derek C. Schrier authorizing Monica R. Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13G on his behalf, which was filed with Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 2003, by such Reporting Person with respect to the Common Stock of Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., is hereby incorporated by reference. The Powers of Attorney executed by each of Charles E. Ellwein and Rajiv A. Patel authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule

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13G on his behalf, which was filed with Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 8, 2004 by such Reporting Person with respect to the Common Stock of Catalytica Energy Systems, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT 1 Joint Acquisition Statement Pursuant to Section 240.13d1(k)

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EXHIBIT 1  
to  
SCHEDULE 13G

JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(k)  
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The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him, her or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other entities or persons, except to the extent that he, she or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

Dated: January 27, 2005

/s/ Monica R. Landry  
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FARALLON PARTNERS, L.L.C.,  
on its own behalf and as General Partner of  
FARALLON CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III, L.P.,  
And TINICUM PARTNERS, L.P.,  
By Monica R. Landry,  
Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry

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FARALLON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.,  
By Monica R. Landry,  
Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry

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