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October 05, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(RULE 13D-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13D-1(A) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-2(A)

BRITISH ENERGY PLC  
(NAME OF ISSUER)

COMMON STOCK AND AMERICAN DEPOSITORY SHARES  
(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

110793403  
(CUSIP NUMBER)

CARLA V. FOULKES  
BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC  
11988 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 500  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130  
858-755-0239  
(NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO  
RECEIVE NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS)

October 1, 2004  
(DATE OF EVENT WHICH REQUIRES FILING OF THIS STATEMENT)

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
Brandes Investment Partners, LLC  
33-0704072  
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(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A (A) / /  
MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (B) / /  
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(3) SEC USE ONLY  
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(4) SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
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(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware  
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NUMBER OF SHARES (7) SOLE VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON  
WITH  
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(8) SHARED VOTING POWER  
262,937 ADS and 17,298,649 ORD  
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(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
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(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
308,693 ADS and 17,298,649 ORD  
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(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
308,693 ADS and 17,298,649 ORD  
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(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) / /  
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
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(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
6.5%  
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(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
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Brandes Worldwide Holdings, L.P.  
33-0836630

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Charles H. Brandes  
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Glenn R. Carlson

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Jeffrey A. Busby

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This Schedule 13D, initially filed on September 7, 2004 and amended on  
September 28, 2004 and October 4, 2004, relating to the ordinary  
shares of 44 28/43p each ("ordinary shares") and American Depository  
Shares ("ADSs"), each of which represents 75 ordinary shares of  
British Energy Plc (the "Issuer"), a public limited company organized  
under the laws of Britain with its principle executive offices at 3  
Redwood Crescent, Peel Park, East Kilbride, G74 5PR, United Kingdom,  
is hereby amended and supplemented by this Amendment No. 3 to the  
Schedule 13D as follows:

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

On October 1, 2004, Polygon Investment Partners LLP, a limited  
liability partnership organized under the laws of the United Kingdom  
(the "UK Investment Manager"), terminated its agreements with Brandes  
Investment Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
("Brandes"), to (1) share certain fees in connection with consultation  
with legal counsel regarding certain proceedings issued on September  
17, 2004 by Cargill Financial Markets Plc and others against Polygon  
Global Opportunities Master Fund, a company organized under the laws  
of the Cayman Islands, Polygon Investment Partners LP, a Delaware  
limited partnership, the UK Investment Manager, Brandes and others and  
(2) share certain fees payable to Innisfree M&A Incorporated in

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connection with the solicitation of votes in relation to shareholder resolutions that may be proposed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Issuer.

### ITEM 7. MATERIALS TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

#### Exhibit A

DRAFT REQUISITION BY SHAREHOLDERS TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF BRITISH ENERGY PLC  
Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A of British Energy Plc Schedule 13D filed September 7, 2004

#### Exhibit B

Joint Filing Agreement Pursuant to Rule 13d-1  
Incorporated by reference to Exhibit B of British Energy Plc Schedule 13D filed September 7, 2004

#### Exhibit C

Disclaimer of Beneficial Ownership  
Incorporated by reference to Exhibit C of British Energy Plc Schedule 13D filed September 7, 2004

#### Exhibit D

Power of Attorney for Charles H. Brandes, Glenn. R. Carlson, and Jeffrey A. Busby  
Incorporated by reference to Exhibit D of British Energy Plc Schedule 13D filed September 7, 2004

#### Exhibit E

Letter from McDermott, Will & Emery, dated September 21, 2004, to Travers Smith Braithwaite  
Incorporated by reference to Exhibit E of British Energy Plc Schedule 13D filed September 30, 2004

### SIGNATURE

AFTER REASONABLE INQUIRY AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

DATED: October 4, 2004

BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ Ian N. Rose  
Ian N. Rose as Attorney-In-Fact for  
Charles H. Brandes, President of  
Brandes Investment Partners, Inc., a Member

BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC.

By: /s/ Ian N. Rose  
Ian N. Rose as Attorney-In-Fact for  
Charles H. Brandes, President

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BRANDES WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS, L.P.

By: /s/ Ian N. Rose  
Ian N. Rose as Attorney-In-Fact for  
Charles H. Brandes, President of  
Brandes Investment Partners, Inc., its General Partner

By: /s/ Ian N. Rose  
Ian N. Rose as Attorney-In-Fact for  
Charles H. Brandes, Control Person

By: /s/ Ian N. Rose  
Ian N. Rose as Attorney-In-Fact for  
Glenn R. Carlson, Control Person

By: /s/ Ian N. Rose  
Ian N. Rose as Attorney-In-Fact for  
Jeffrey A. Busby, Control Person