

SCOTTISH POWER PLC  
Form 6-K  
September 30, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15a-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of September 2004

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**SCOTTISH POWER PLC**

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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**CORPORATE OFFICE, 1 ATLANTIC QUAY, GLASGOW, G2 8SP**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of 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):  82-\_\_\_\_\_  .)

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1. Announcement of Scottish Power plc, regarding a trading update.

Safe Harbor

Some statements contained in the attached announcement are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These include statements with respect to Scottish Power, its corporate plans, strategies and beliefs and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements can be identified by the use of the forward-looking terminology such as may , will , expect , anticipate , intend , estimate , continue , plan or other similar words. These statements are based on management and beliefs in light of the information available to it. These assumptions involve risks and uncertainties which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

We wish to caution readers, and others to whom forward-looking statements are addressed, that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results may differ materially from estimates in the forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof. We identified in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, important factors that may cause results to differ from expectations.

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.

/s/ Scottish Power plc

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(Registrant)

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Date: September 29, 2004

By: /s/ Donald McPherson

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Donald McPherson  
Assistant Company Secretary

**ScottishPower Trading Update**

ScottishPower will shortly be meeting with analysts ahead of entering our close period for the half-year ending 30 September 2004. At these meetings we will confirm that we continue to make good progress with our strategy of improving operational performance and investing for organic growth. The outlook for the full year to 31 March 2005 remains in line with our expectations.

ScottishPower's half-year results will be announced on 10 November 2004.

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