

SCOTTISH POWER PLC  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of March 2005

**SCOTTISH POWER PLC**

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(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.)



**SCOTTISHPOWER TRADING UPDATE.**

ScottishPower is today issuing a trading statement prior to entering its close period and the announcement of its preliminary results on 24 May 2005.

Our outlook for the group for the full year to 31 March 2005 remains unchanged from that indicated in our third quarter statement on 10 February 2005.

In the quarter, increased contribution from UK Division's Damhead Creek and Brighton power stations and PPM's energy management activities offset a slightly lower than expected contribution from PacifiCorp due to low rain fall reducing hydro electric availability.

Over the winter there has also been less snow than usual, which will reduce the availability of PacifiCorp's hydro generation during the next six months. While this will impact PacifiCorp's result for the year to 31 March 2006, our expectations for the group are unchanged.

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