# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 13, 2015

# **ENERGOUS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware001-3637946-1318953(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3590 North First Street, Suite 210 San Jose, CA 95134

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 963-0200

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

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e appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any lowing provisions:
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective July 13, 2015, the Board of Directors of Energous Corporation (the "Company") appointed Brian Sereda to serve as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, replacing Interim Chief Financial Officer Howard Yeaton.

Mr. Sereda has held senior finance positions in a number of leading technology companies ranging from semiconductor equipment, software and consumer electronics and with extensive experience in corporate finance, capital markets and M&A. From 2011 through 2015 he was Chief Financial Officer of ActiveVideo, a developer of a software platform that enables managed service operators such as cable companies and telcos, to virtualize functions and deliver pay-TV services from the Cloud. During his tenure, he was involved in the settlement of a major IP litigation award to the Company, implemented restructurings and processes to streamline operations as the Company grew, and oversaw the eventual acquisition by Arris Group and Charter Communications in April 2015. Previously he was Chief Financial Officer for Virage Logic, a NASDAQ-listed, leading provider of semiconductor intellectual property from 2008 to 2010 (acquired by Synopsis). Prior to Virage, he was CFO for Proxim Wireless from 2006 to September 2008. Mr. Sereda received an MBA from St. Mary's College of California and a BSBA from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C. Canada.

In connection with Mr. Sereda's appointment as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the Company and Mr. Sereda executed an offer letter effective July 13, 2015 (the "Sereda Offer Letter"). Under the Sereda Offer Letter, Mr. Sereda will receive an annual base salary of \$250,000 per year, and is eligible to earn an annual performance bonus of up to 75% of his then current base salary in accordance with performance objectives established by the Company's independent compensation committee or the Board of Directors. In addition, under the Sereda Offer Letter and as an inducement to join the Company, Mr. Sereda received an inducement restricted stock unit award covering a total of 120,000 shares of common stock. This restricted stock unit award vests over a period of four years in four equal annual installments on July 13 of each of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, subject to Mr. Sereda's continued employment with the Company through each vesting date.

In the event Mr. Sereda is terminated without cause, he is entitled to (1) six months of his then-current base salary and (2) payment of COBRA premiums for up to six months.

A copy of the Sereda Offer Letter is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Sereda Offer Letter does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Sereda Offer Letter.

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### **Exhibits**

The exhibits required to be filed as a part of this Current Report on Form 8-K are listed in the Exhibit Index attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

# **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 hereunto duly authorized.

**ENERGOUS CORPORATION** 

By: <u>/s/ Stephen R. Rizzone</u>
Name: Stephen R. Rizzone
Title: President and Chief Executive

Dated: July 14, 2015

Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Offer Letter, effective as of July 13, 2015, between the Company and Brian Sereda



June 17, 2015

Brian Sereda San Jose, Ca

#### Re: Offer Letter with Energous Corporation

Dear Brian:

Energous Corporation (the "Company") is pleased to offer you employment subject to the conditions outlined in this letter. We would like to present the following offer:

- 1. **Position**. Your initial title will be Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and you will report to the Company's Chief Executive Officer. This is a full-time position. While you render services to the Company, you will not engage in any other employment, consulting or other business activity (whether full-time or part-time) that would create a conflict of interest with the Company. By signing this letter agreement, you confirm to the Company that you have no contractual commitments or other legal obligations that would prohibit you from performing your duties for the Company.
- 2. **Cash Compensation**. The Company will pay you a starting salary at the rate of \$10,416.66 per pay period (semi-monthly), payable in accordance with the Company's standard payroll schedule and subject to applicable deductions and withholdings. This salary will be subject to periodic review and adjustments at the Company's discretion. You will have the opportunity to earn \$187,500 in bonus for a total cash compensation package of \$437,500. The bonus to be in the form of four quarterly bonus opportunities of \$46,875.00 each. The bonus will be paid out according to the actual performance against specific Objectives common for the entire executive team.
- 3. **Employee Benefits**. As a regular employee of the Company, you will be eligible to participate in a number of Company-sponsored benefits. In addition, you will be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the Company's vacation policy, as in effect from time to time.
- 4. **Equity Grants**. As part of your offer we will be requesting that the Energous Board of Directors grant you a value of 120,000 Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) to be vested over four (4) years.

As you may be aware, RSUs are not Stock Options, they are essentially a promise to deliver a share of Energous Corporation common stock at a specific time; in this case within a few days after the RSU has vested. When you sell the common stock represented by the RSU, you will receive the full value of the share of stock on the date you sell it. As Energous is a public company, the vested shares are fully tradable when you receive the underlying share of stock. In order to assist participants in selling their shares, the Company is exploring options with brokerage firms to allow same day trading of common stock.

Your RSUs will vest 25% on each of the 4 anniversaries of your start date. Upon vesting, there may be certain tax consequences so you should consult your financial advisor or CPA well in advance of the vesting dates to discuss the issue.

After one (1) year of service, you will be eligible to participate in the Executive managements PSU Program which rewards the Energous executive team with incremental RSU's based on market cap appreciation.

Upon a change in control and termination of your employment for any reason other than cause within the first year after the CIC becomes effective, 100% of all unvested RSU's accelerate.

Additionally, the Company is a "Pay for Performance" based company. As a result, you can expect to receive additional equity incentives for outstanding performance throughout your career at Energous.

- 5. **Confidential Information and Inventions Assignment Agreement**. Like all Company employees, you will be required, as a condition of your employment with the Company, to sign the Company's standard Confidential Information and Inventions Assignment Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 6. **Employment Relationship**. Employment with the Company is for no specific period of time. Your employment with the Company will be "at will," meaning that either you or the Company may terminate your employment at any time and for any reason, with or without cause. Any contrary representations that may have been made to you are superseded by this letter agreement. This is the full and complete agreement between you and the Company on this term. Although your job duties, title, compensation and benefits, as well as the Company's personnel policies and procedures, may change from time to time, the "at will" nature of your employment may only be changed in an express written agreement signed by you and a duly authorized officer of the Company (other than you). Notwithstanding the at-will nature of your employment, the Company will grant you six months of severance pay and continue health coverage under COBRA for six months in the event your relationship is terminated by the Company for any reason other then Cause.

Cause means (i) the commission of an act constituting financial dishonesty (which would be chargeable as a crime under applicable law; engaging in any other act of dishonesty, fraud, intentional misrepresentation, moral turpitude, illegality, or harassment which would (a) materially adversely affect the business or reputation of the Company or its Affiliates with their respective current or prospective customers, suppliers, lenders, or other third parties with whom such entity does or might do business or (b) expose the Company or any of its Affiliates to a risk of civil or criminal legal damages, liabilities, or penalties; (iii) repeated failure to follow the directives of the CEO or the Board; or (iv) any material misconduct, violation of the Company's policies, or willful and deliberate nonperformance of duty in connection with the business affairs of the Company.

#### 7. Tax Matters.

- (a) **Withholding**. All forms of compensation referred to in this letter agreement are subject to reduction to reflect applicable withholding and payroll taxes and other deductions required by law.
- (b) Tax Advice. You are encouraged to obtain your own tax advice regarding your compensation from the Company. You agree that the Company does not have a duty to design its compensation policies in a manner that minimizes your tax liabilities, and you will not make any claim against the Company or its Board of Directors related to tax liabilities arising from your compensation.
  - 8. **Terms and Conditions.** This offer is subject to the following conditions:
    - o Passing Employment Investigation and Reference checks
    - o Follow-on final round of interviews with the executive team and key members of the Board.
- 9. **Interpretation, Amendment and Enforcement**. This offer letter and Exhibit A constitute the complete offer letter between you and the Company, contain significant terms of your offer of employment with the Company and supersede any prior agreements, representations or understandings (whether written, oral or implied) between you and the Company. This offer letter may not be amended or modified, except by an express written agreement signed by both you and a duly authorized officer of the Company. The terms of this offer letter and the resolution of any disputes as to the meaning, effect, performance or validity of this offer letter or arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with, this offer letter between you and the Company (the "Dispute") will be governed by California law, excluding laws relating to conflicts or choice of law. For all pre-employment and offer letter Disputes, you and the Company submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in Alameda County, California, in connection with any Dispute or any claim related to any Dispute.

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We hope that you will accept our offer to join the Company. You may indicate your agreement with these terms and accept this offer letter by signing and dating both the enclosed duplicate original of this offer letter and the enclosed Confidential Information and Inventions Assignment Agreement and returning them to me. This offer, if not accepted, will expire at the close of business on June 18, 2015. As required by the Company, your employment is contingent on completion of and successful passing of an investigative consumer report and a negative result pre-employment drug test. As required by law, your employment with the Company is also contingent upon your providing legal proof of your identity and authorization to work in the United States. Your employment is also contingent upon your starting work with the Company on a mutually-agreed upon date to be determined.

If you have any questions, please call me at 408-963-0201

Very truly yours,

**ENERGOUS CORPORATION** 

/s/ Stephen R. Rizzone By: Stephen R. Rizzone

I have read and accept this employment offer:

/s/ Brian Sereda Signature of Employee

Dated: 6/18/15

Attachment

Exhibit A: Confidential Information and Inventions Assignment Agreement