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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| (Print or Type Responses) | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | g 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | |
| Person – | (Month/Day/Year) | Energous Corp [WATT] | | | | |
| Sahejpal Neeraj | 02/23/2017 | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 02,20,201, | 4. Relationship of Reporting | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original | |
| C/O ENERGOUS | Person(s) to Issuer | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | |
| CORPORATION, 3590 NORTH | | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| FIRST STREET, SUITE 210 | | X_Officer (give Other (specify | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group | |
| SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | | Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Amount of | f Securities | 3. | 4. Nat | ure of Indirect Beneficial | |
| (Instr. 4) | Beneficially | Owned | - | Ownership | | |
| | (Instr. 4) | | Form: Direct | (Instr. | 5) | |
| | | | (D) or Indirect (I) | | | |
| | | | (Instr. 5) | | | |
| Common Stock | 70,935 (1) | <u>(2)</u> | D | | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| (Instr. 4) | and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Securities Underlying Derivative Security | | or Exercise | Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------|---|--------------------|--|--|---|-----------|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | Derivative Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Maine / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Sahejpal Neeraj C/O ENERGOUS CORPORATION 3590 NORTH FIRST STREET, SUITE 210 SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | Senior VP, Product Marketing | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Keith Rosicker, Attorney-in-Fact | 03/20/2017 | |
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| Signature of Reporting Person | Date | |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit ("RSUs") represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- (2) The 57,500 unvested RSUs vest on the following anniversary dates: 7,500 shares will vest on November 10, 2017 and 2018; 2,500 shares will vest on December 17, 2017, 2018, and 2019; and 8,750 shares will vest on August 18, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Exhibit 24.1

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Brian Sereda, Keith Rosicker, and Bill Mannina, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a representative of Energous Corporation ("*Company*"), any and all Form 3, 4 or 5 reports required to be filed by the undersigned in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("*Exchange Act*"), and the rules thereunder with respect to transactions in securities of the Company;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 report and timely file such report with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned, pursuant to this Power of Attorney, shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in her/his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or her/his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that no such attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is hereby assuming, nor is the Company hereby assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Form 3, 4 or 5 reports with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the 24th day of February, 2017.

/s/ Neeraj Sahejpal Neeraj Sahejpal