## FORM 4

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

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|--|-------------|---|--|---|--------|-----------|--|---|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|-----------------|-------------|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person   Leabman Michael Aaron                               |             |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Energous Corp [WATT] |   |        |           |  |   |                                  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner |   |  |   |   |                 |             |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O ENERGOUS CORPORATION, 3590 NORTH<br>FIRST STREET, SUITE 210 |             |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2018      |   |        |           |  |   |                                  | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)   |   |  |   |   |                 |             |
| (Street)   |             |   |  | 4. If Amend   | lment, | Date Orig | ginal Fi   | led(Mon   | th/Day/Yea                       | ır)  |   |  | or Joint/Gro                            | up Filing(Chec  | k Applicable    | Line)       |
| SAN JOS  | SE, CA 951  | 34  |  |   |        |           |  |   |                                  |  |   |  |   | Reporting Person  |                 |             |
| (City  | y)          | (State)   | (Zip)  |   |        | Table I - | Non-D  | erivativ  | ve Secui                         | ities A  | cquired,  | , Dispose                              | d of, or Ben                            | eficially Owr   | ied             |             |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)                       |             | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | (Instr. 8   | (A) c  |           | Securities Acquired or Disposed of (I str. 3, 4 and 5) |   | (D) Beneficially                 |  | of Securities<br>y Owned Following<br>ransaction(s)<br>d 4) |  | Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect      | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                 |             |
|  |             |   |  |   |        | Code      | V  | Amou  | or<br>nt (D) Price               |  | ce  |  |   |   | I)<br>Instr. 4) |             |
| Common   | Stock       |   | 03/08/2018   |   |        | M         |  | 80,00   |                                  | \$ 6   | 23  | 2,279                                  |   | I   | )               |             |
| Common   | Stock       |   | 03/08/2018   |   |        | S         |  | 68,00   | 00 D                             | \$ 21.<br>(1)  | .87   | 54,279                                 |   | I   | )               |             |
| Common   | Stock       |   | 03/08/2018   |   |        | S         |  | 12,00   | 00 D                             | \$ 22.<br>(2)  | .54 15  | 2,279                                  |   | I   | )               |             |
| Common   | Stock       |   | 03/09/2018   |   |        | M         |  | 20,00   | 0 A                              | \$ 6   | 17  | 2,279                                  |   | I   | )               |             |
| Common   | Stock       |   | 03/09/2018   |   |        | S         |  | 20,00   | 00 D                             | \$<br>21.89<br>(3)   | 969 15  | 2,279                                  |   | I   | )               |             |
|  |             |   | ch class of securition   | Derivative S  | Securi | ties Acqu | Per<br>con<br>forr                                     | sons v<br>itained<br>n disp   | vho res<br>l in this<br>lays a d | form a   | are not<br>tly valid<br>cially Ov                           | required<br>d OMB c                    | n of inforn<br>d to respo<br>ontrol nun | nd unless th  |                 | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed   |             | if Transaction of Code Derivative                           |  | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Amo (Month/Day/Year) Unde Secur |        |           | Title and<br>mount of<br>inderlying<br>ecurities       | ttle and bunt of erlying crities r. 3 and 4)  8. Price of Derivative Security Security (Instr. 5)  (Instr. 5)  (Instr. 5)  (Instr. 6)  (Instr. 6)  (Instr. 7)  (Instr. 7)  (Instr. 8)  (Instr. 9)  (Instr. 9)  (Instr. 9)  (Instr. 9)  (Instr. 9) |                                  | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(   | Owners Form of Derivate Security Direct ( or Indire         | Ownersh<br>(Instr. 4)<br>D)<br>ect     |   |   |                 |             |
|  |             |   |  | Code  | V (A)  | (D)       | Date<br>Exerci   | sable I   | Expiratio<br>Date                | n<br>Ti  | itle  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |   |                 |             |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 6        | 03/08/2018  |  | М   |        | 80,000    | <u>(</u> 4   | 4) 0  | )3/25/2                          | 174  | ommor<br>Stock  | 80,000                                 | \$ 0                                    | 24,736  | D               |             |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 6        | 03/09/2018  |  | М   |        | 20,000    | <u>(</u> 4   | 4) 0  | 3/25/2                           | 1/4  | ommon<br>Stock  | 20,000                                 | \$ 0                                    | 4,736   | D               |             |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Ī | D ( O N / )   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|---|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
|   | Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| : | Leabman Michael Aaron<br>C/O ENERGOUS CORPORATION<br>3590 NORTH FIRST STREET, SUITE 210<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |

#### **Signatures**

| /s/ Bill Mannina, Attorney-in-Fact | 03/09/2018 |
|------------------------------------|------------|
|                                    |            |

| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |  |  |
|---------------------------------|------|--|--|
|                                 |      |  |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.33 to \$22.32 per share. The Reporting Person has (1) provided to the Issuer, and undertakes to provide to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range.
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.42 to \$22.60 per share. The Reporting Person has (2) provided to the Issuer, and undertakes to provide to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range.
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.50 to \$22.10 per share. The Reporting Person has (3) provided to the Issuer, and undertakes to provide to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range.
- (4) 1/8th of the stock options vested on March 26, 2014. 1/48th of the remaining stock options vest monthly thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Company.

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