

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Marino Giampaolo</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ENERGOUS CORPORATION</u> <u>3590 NORTH FIRST STREET,</u> <u>SUITE 330</u> (Street) <u>SAN JOSE CA 95134</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/17/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Energous Corp [WATT]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief S&G Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>10,533⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes restricted stock units of which 533 shares vest in two equal annual installments beginning on June 27, 2027, and 10,000 shares vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 12, 2027, subject to the reporting person's continued service to the issuer through each vesting date. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24: Power of Attorney attached herewith.

/s/ Mallorie S. Burak,
Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

08/18/2026

Date

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

* 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).

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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Mallorie Burak, Peter Weinberg and Ned Prusse, signing singly, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director of Energous Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act"), Passphrase Update and Form ID to obtain Electronic Data Gathering and Retrieval ("EDGAR") codes and related documentation for use in filing Forms 3, 4 and 5;

(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, Passphrase Update or Form ID, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority;

(3) specifically, and only with respect to EDGAR NEXT enrollment and annual maintenance, the undersigned hereby authorizes Ned Prusse, and Susan Tookey, and other employees of Perkins Coie LLP as may be required, to act as Account Administrators on the undersigned's behalf, including: (i) appoint, remove and replace account administrators, account users, technical administrators and delegated entities; (ii) maintain the security of the undersigned's EDGAR account, including modification of access codes; (iii) maintain, modify and certify the accuracy of information on the undersigned's EDGAR account dashboard; (iv) act as the EDGAR point of contact with respect to the undersigned's EDGAR account; and (v) any other actions contemplated by Rule 10 of Regulation S-T with respect to account administrators;

(4) 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 such attorney-in-fact's discretion; and

(5) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's attorney-in-fact and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to such attorney-in-fact and approves and ratifies any such release of information.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in connection with 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 such attorney-in-fact's 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 the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company 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 Forms 3, 4, and 5 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.

This Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including, without limitation, the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act. Additionally, although pursuant to this Power of

Attorney the Company will use commercially reasonable best efforts to timely and accurately file Section 16 reports on behalf of the undersigned, the Company does not represent or warrant that it will be able to in all cases timely and accurately file Section 16 reports on behalf of the undersigned due to various factors, including, but not limited to, the shorter deadlines mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, possible time zone differences between the Company and the undersigned and the Company's need to rely on others for information, including the undersigned and brokers of the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned had caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 12th day of August, 2026.

By: /s/ Giampaolo Marino

Giampaolo Marino

NOTARY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Virginia
County of Ashburn

NOTARIZATION

This Power of Attorney was acknowledged before me on 08/10/2026 by Giampaolo Marino.

/s/ Winstead Barnes Jr.

Commission expires July 31, 2028