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Construction has started on Atmos Energy's new 4,430-square-foot office and 5,360-square-foot warehouse at Hilton Road and the bypass in Keokuk. The new red brick office will have a lobby

and a training room, which also will serve as a community room open to the public upon request. The warehouse will be large enough to house all the company's vehicles and equipment,

which is not the case at the current facility at 24 S. 10th St., Keokuk. The new office and warehouse should be completed this summer.

Atmos Energy building new office, warehouse in Keokuk

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Weather providing, Atmos Energy should be moved into its new office and warehouse at Hilton Road and the bypass around Keokuk this summer.

"The new site will provide better access for our customers and accommodations better suited to our needs today," said Operations Manager Lou Ann Goldie, who has worked full time for the company and its predecessors since 1973.

The current Atmos Energy facility has been located at 24 S. 10th St., Keokuk, since 1980 when the company was known as Great River Gas. Atmos Energy bought Great River Gas's successor, United Cities Gas, in 1997.

The new 4,430-square-foot red brick office will have a lobby with two operation assistants handling customer questions and concerns, Goldie said. The office also will have a training and community room for about 20 people that will be available to the public by request.

The new 5,360-square-foot grey metal warehouse will be large enough to accommodate all the company's vehicles and equipment. That should make maintenance easier and extend the life of the vehicles and equipment, according to Goldie.

"We're real excited about it,"

she said about the move. "It shows we're here to stay and want to be a part of the community."

Goldie has seen a similar Atmos Energy office and office complex in Mayfield, Ky. The Keokuk facility will be landscaped, too.

The fate of the current building on South 10th Street is uncertain at this point.

"It has not been decided," said Goldie, who added some interest has been expressed in the current property.

The current Atmos Energy office and warehouse has eight employees and serves the company's 4,600 customers in Keokuk and Montrose. The number of employees will increase to 14 when the new office and warehouse open, serving 6,056 customers in Northeast Missouri, too.

Atmos Energy now offers same day service to customers who request their gas be turned on, if the request is received by noon, Goldie pointed out. A 24-hour, seven-day-a-week call center is available by calling 888-286-6700. For emergencies, call 866-322-8667.

Atmos Energy serves about 32 million customers in 12 states and is the largest natural gas only utility in the U.S.



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Operations Manager Lou Ann Goldie holds a painting of Atmos Energy's new office and warehouse, which is under construction at Hilton Road and the bypass in Keokuk. The company's facilities in Keokuk are located now at 24 S. 10th St.

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