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**March 1983 Proposal – Folder 1**

1. Proposal: Roanoke Street Railway, March 1, 1983

**Correspondence, Statistics, and History – Folder 2**

1. Letter from C. O. Roberson, Appalachian Electric Power Company, Roanoke, VA, to Mr. C. M. Kilian, National Electric Light Association, Atlanta, GA, dated 4/2/1929
2. Letter from J. E. Jackson to Mr. Hancock, Roanoke, VA, dated 3/28/1929
3. Letter from J. W. Hancock to Mr. Jackson, Lynchburg, VA, dated 3/27/1929
4. Letter from C. O. Roberson to Mr. Hancock, dated 3/26/1929
5. Letter from C. O. Roberson to Mr. Jackson, Lynchburg, VA, dated 3/15/1929
6. Letter from C. M. Kilian, National Electric Light Association, Atlanta, GA, to Curtis O. Roberson, Appalachian Electric Power Company, Roanoke, VA, dated 3/13/1929
7. Letter from C. O. Roberson, Appalachian Electric Power Company, Roanoke, VA, to C. M. Kilian, National Electric Light Association, Atlanta, GA, dated 3/9/1929
8. Letter from C. O. Roberson to Mr. Hancock, dated 2/16/1929
9. Letter from J. W. Hancock, Appalachian Electric Power Company, Roanoke, VA, to C. M. Kilian, National Electric Light Association, Atlanta, GA, dated 2/11/1929
10. Letter from C. M. Kilian, National Electric Light Association, Atlanta, GA, to J. W. Hancock, Appalachian Electric Power Company, Roanoke, VA, dated 2/4/1929
11. Notes on history of Appalachian Electric Power Company
12. Historical Data for Lynchburg District of Appalachian Electric Power Company
13. Article entitled, "Electricity", taken from Roanoke Industrial Survey made for the city by the Technical Advisory Corporation
14. *Times Register and Sentinel* article, "Appalachian Electric Power Company One of the Most Progressive Electric Companies in the Entire South", Salem, VA, dated 4/20/1928
15. *Roanoke World News* article, "Merger of Electric Power Companies in 3 States Announced", dated 5/1/1926

16. *Manufacturers Record* (untitled) article about electric lighting and power service, written by Mr. B. F. Moomaw, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Roanoke, VA, dated 3/11/1926
17. *Electrical World* article, "American Gas – Virginia Power Merger Consummated", dated 2/21/1925
18. Article entitled, "Roanoke Railway and Electric Company", taken from, *History of Roanoke County, Roanoke City and the Norfolk & Western Railway Company*, written by George S. Jack and E. B. Jacobs, 1912.
19. Historical data for Roanoke District of Appalachian Electric Power Company
20. *Roanoke World News* article, "Roanoke will be Connected with a Big Power System", dated 3/3/1926
21. Number of customers by years (1909 – 1928)
22. K.W.H. output by years (1910 – 1928)
23. The AGE Bulletin, July 1926

### **Hill City Trolleys: Street Railways of Lynchburg, Va. - Folder 3**

1. *Hill City Trolleys: Street Railways of Lynchburg, Va.*, (copy) written by Harold E Cox, 1977

### **History of the Streetcar System in Roanoke – Folder 4**

1. Roanoke Times & World News, Progress Edition article, "*Appalachian Electric Power Co.*", 1929
2. Roanoke Times & World News announcement, *Appalachian Electric Power Company's Remodeled Home Opened for Public Inspection*, dated October 21, 1926.
3. One page of article regarding court case involving Appalachian Electric Power Company's hydro-electric project on the New River, publication unknown, dated October 1926.
4. Roanoke World-News article, *Thirty-Four Years Running Street Car*, dated October 21, 1926.
5. Roanoke World-News article, *Company Keeps Pace with City Growth*, dated October 21, 1926.
6. Roanoke World-News article, *Movement of Street Cards to be Speeded*, dated October 21, 1926.
7. Roanoke World-News article, *Safety Appliances to Assist in Operation*, dated October 21, 1926.
8. *Brief History of the Street Car System in Roanoke Virginia*, written by Isaac M. Warren, 1941.
9. Descriptions of East Haven, Connecticut Branford Trolley Museum and Essex, Connecticut Valley Railroad Co., Valley Railroad Company, undated.

### **The Story of Roanoke Virginia, Map – Folder 5**

1. *The Story of Roanoke Virginia*, published by Roanoke Water Works Company, 1925.
2. Map of Roanoke, including Salem and Vinton, undated

### **News Clippings Regarding Streetcars and Appalachian Power (Copies of Folder 7) – Folder 6**

1. Roanoke Times-World News article, *Museum Measure Approved*, dated February 1, 1983.
2. The News Lynchburg article, *Hill City Group Seeks Revival of Streetcars*, dated February 9, 1980.
3. The News Lynchburg articles, *Over 40 Years Trolleys were Prominent Part of City*, dated February 9, 1980.
4. Article, *Street Lights Caused Dispute*, publisher and date unknown
5. Roanoke Times & World News article, *John W. Hancock Jr.: Powerful Leader Who Shuns Exposure*, dated October 29, 1978.
6. Roanoke Times & World News article, *Ex-official with Apco dies at 90*, dated December 28, 1981.
7. Roanoke Times & World News article, *Mother's life has been full despite loss of legs*, dated March 6, 1983.
8. Roanoke World-News pictures of interior view of Appalachian Electric Power Company's generating plant, dated January 29, 1934.
9. Roanoke World-News editorial article, *Unlimited Power*, dated October 21, 1926.
10. Roanoke Times & World News article, *Transportation museum in Roanoke gets state status*, dated February 22, 1983.

#### **News Clippings Regarding Streetcars and Appalachian Power (Originals) – Folder 7**

1. Roanoke Times-World News article, *Museum Measure Approved*, dated February 1, 1983.
2. The News Lynchburg article, *Hill City Group Seeks Revival of Streetcars*, dated February 9, 1980.
3. The News Lynchburg article, *Over 40 Years Trolleys were Prominent Part of City*, dated February 9, 1980.
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#### **Images (Views of Roanoke) – Folder 8**

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#### **Image RREC11 & Citation – Folder 9**

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**Image RREC16 – Folder 13**

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**Image RREC 19 & 20 – Folder 16**

**Image 21 & 22 – Folder 17**

Portsmouth, Ohio Interurban Car

**Images – Folder 18**

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**Correspondence re: negatives of railway images – Folder 19**

**Negatives from prints – Folder 20**