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COAST FUEL CORPORATION

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Mr. F. W. Libbey, Director,
State Department of Geology
and Mineral Industries,
702 Woodlark Building,
Portland 5, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Libbey:

I am investigating to day the possibility of our being able to compete with Wyoming or Utah coal for the purpose that you refer to at Enterprise, Oregon. I will advise you what luck we have.

I was very much interested in reading the copy of the letter from Mr. Frank C. Greene, of Oakland, California, and I must admit that if you had said that the letter was clear to you, I would have a lot of question marks in my opinion of Mr. Libbey because Mr. Greene's letter doesn't make much sense to me. However, we will see what additional information we can get from Mr. Green when one of us is in the Bay Area.

Kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

COAST FUEL CORPORATION

By *T. O. Toon*
President

TOT/pj

August 18, 1945

Mr. T. O. Toon
Coast Fuel Corporation
Box 177
Marshfield, Oregon

Dear Mr. Toon:

On a recent trip into eastern Oregon I visited the lime plant at Enterprise, Oregon, which has recently started burning lime in two kilns. Mr. Painter, the operator, told me that he expected to use a car of coal a week. He is now using both Wyoming and Utah coal and he stated that it was costing him approximately \$9.20 per ton delivered. He promised to supply me with analyses of the coals he is receiving but so far he has not done so. He stated that he was coming to Portland in the very near future and possibly he will give me the analyses then. I spoke to him of the possibility of using Coos Bay coal and he was definitely interested but I do not know whether or not you could compete because of the freight charge.

I am enclosing copy of a letter just received. I do not know Mr. Greene and it is not altogether clear to me what he has in mind when he mentions granular methods of mining, transport, beneficiating and processing. It may be that you may wish to go further into the matter with Mr. Greene.

Hoping that things are progressing satisfactorily for you and with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Director

FWL: jr
Encl.