## **Exhibit B**

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400 W. Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

May 11, 2023

Ms. Melanie Faizer Interim News Director WUOT 1345 Circle Park Drive, COM 209 Knoxville, TN 37919

Dear Ms. Faizer:

This responds to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) for agreements, grants or contracts entered into between Bitdeer and TVA and related emailed correspondence. You also requested information on Bitdeer's power use. Your request was processed under tracking number 23-FOI-00108.

Specifically, we located one six-page incentive agreement responsive to your request. Email correspondence is not available as the individual that worked with Bitdeer is no longer at TVA. Bitdeer is directly served by the local power company, not TVA; therefore, we have no information regarding distributed power use.

TVA considers the details of its economic development programs confidential and competitively sensitive information, the release of which would cause TVA competitive harm by allowing other utilities, who are competing for the same customers, insight into TVA's programs and strategies for attracting businesses to the Tennessee Valley. Release of agreements for TVA incentives would also impair the effectiveness of TVA's economic development program by stifling TVA's ability to obtain confidential information from future prospective companies.

FOIA exemption 4 protects confidential commercial and financial information obtained by the government from an outside source that, if released, would cause competitive harm to the company from whom it was obtained. The government confidential commercial privilege under FOIA exemption 5 protects confidential information that would cause the government substantial competitive harm if publicly released.

If you have questions about this response, you may contact me at foia@tva.gov. Enclosed is contact information for FOIA mediation services provided by the Office of Government Information Services and TVA. Ms. Melanie Faizer Page 2 May 11, 2023

You may appeal this response to your FOIA request by writing to Mr. Buddy Eller, Vice President, Communications & Public Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, at email address foia@tva.gov or Fax to (865) 632-6901. Any appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Denise Smith

Denise Smith TVA FOIA Officer

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