

## The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

# **Rating Report**

## WAPDA Dasu TFC-B

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Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch		
18-Nov-2021	AAA	-	Stable	Initial	-		
29-Jan-2021	AAA	-	Stable	Preliminary	Yes		

### **Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers**

The Water and Power Development Authority of Pakistan (WAPDA) has issued the second tranche of TFC. This is part of series B, while series A is already issued and rated. WAPDA intends to utilize this amount to partially finance the construction of the DASU hydropower project (Dasu). Dasu, once completed would become the second-largest hydel project in Pakistan. Dasu is a run of river project on the Indus River located in Dasu Kohistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa about 350 KM from Islamabad. The project started in 2017 and is expected to be completed in Apr'26. Out of the revised total land required (5,051 Acres) for the project 4,244 Acres have been acquired.

The assigned rating of TFC incorporates an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee by the Government of Pakistan (GoP). The guarantee is covering the payment of the total outstanding amount of the TFC and related profit component. GoP would pay the entire called amount immediately upon receiving a demand notice from the trustee. Additionally, WAPDA shall maintain a debt payment account (DPA) under the exclusive lien of the trustee. Within the first fifteen days of each month commencing from the Musharaka Contribution Date (as defined in the Musharaka Agreement dated March 29, 2017), WAPDA shall deposit an amount equal to 1/6th of the upcoming instalment in the DPA. The rating apart from a debt payment and guarantee mechanism recognizes WAPDA's strategic importance as the major hydroelectric power supplier to the country. WAPDA generated 32,295GWh electricity in FY20. WAPDA expects to generate an additional ~8,070MW by the completion of new hydel projects in the next four years.

WAPDA's financial profile draws comfort from strong cash flows. However, it remains dependent on the repayment behaviour of the power purchaser. Continued compliance with the predefined covenants of Sukuks, including maintenance of DPA would remain critical. The watch has been removed since the audited financial statements of the issuer for FY20 are now obtained along with the auditor's report.

Disclosure				
Name of Rated Entity	WAPDA Dasu TFC-B			
Type of Relationship	Solicited			
<b>Purpose of the Rating</b>	Debt Instrument Rating			
Applicable Criteria	Methodology   Debt Instrument Rating(Jun-21),Methodology   Corporate Rating(Jun-21),Criteria   Rating Modifiers(Jun-21)			
Related Research	Sector Study   Power(Jan-21)			
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#### **Issuer Profile**

**Profile** WAPDA is a statutory body fully owned by the Government of Pakistan, established through the WAPDA Act 1958. WAPDA was unbundled in the year 2007 whereby the functions of its Power wing were redefined as Hydel Power Generation and Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of powerhouses. Following unbundling of its power wing, WAPDA's mandate is now the development of water and hydropower resources in an efficient manner. Thus it has the primary responsibility to develop Hydel Power Projects. The entity generates a total of 32,295Gwh. It is the largest hydel energy producer in the country. WAPDA is in the process of constructing different projects which are to add ~8,502MW by 2024.

Ownership WAPDA is an autonomous and statutory body under the administrative control of the Federal Government, which maintains tight control of the authority. The Authority's budget and accounts require government approval, as do changes in its powers, duties and projects. The government funds the majority of WAPDA's projects via grants, re-lending and loans. It also provides a favourable tariff scheme, sufficiently meeting WAPDA's operating costs and provides a reasonable return on investment.

Governance The Authority comprises the Chairman, a member of each wing (Water, Power, and Finance), and secretary WAPDA. Lt. General (Retd.) Muzzamil Hussain is the Chairman of WAPDA since 2016. Mr. Hussain - a retired army professional and a diplomat brings the experience of over 3 decades with him to the management of the WAPDA. The Ministry of Water Resources provides oversight to WAPDA.

Management WAPDA has a highly experienced management team with most of them having long term associations.

Business Risk Pakistan total power generation is increasing on the back of new power projects under CPEC. Pakistan's energy mix is shifting towards Gas/RLNG and coal from Furnace Oil and other expensive sources. It plans to add over 10,000MW hydel electricity in the next decade. Going forward, cheap renewable electricity will be a challenge to the viability of thermal power plants. WAPDA has a total generation capacity of 32,295Gwh, while many projects are in pipeline including Tarbela 5th Extension, Diamer Bhasha Dam, Mohmand Dam and Dasu Hydro Power Project. The aforementioned projects with a maximum capacity of 8,070 MW are expected to complete in the year 2021, 2023 and 2024 respectively. WAPDA's generation increased by 19% in FY20: 32,295Gwh (FY19: 27,196Gwh; FY18: 26,775Gwh). WAPDA's revenue in FY20 is PKR 62,763mln (FY19: PKR 67,230mln).

Financial Risk WAPDA as part of its arrangements with provinces pays Net Hydel Profit @ 1.155Kwh to provinces. This amount is recoverable from CPPA-G via its tariff. CPPA-G approved WAPDA's tariff including Net Hydel Profit payable to provinces was approved in FY17. Consequently, WHE's receivables increased significantly in FY20 to PKR 220mln (FY19: PKR 192mln). Thus, receivable days have also increased to 1,197days as at June-20 (as at June-19: 910days). WAPDA's free cash flow from operation (FCFO) during FY20 is PKR 47mln (FY19: PKR 52mln). Consequently, WAPDA's debt service ratio in FY20 is 17x. (FY19: 19.5x). During FY20, WAPDA's leverage capital structure stood at 45.5% (FY19: ~62%), on account of the decrease in long term debt (FY20: PKR 104mln, FY19: PKR 135mln) and an increase in short-term debt service liabilities.

#### **Instrument Rating Considerations**

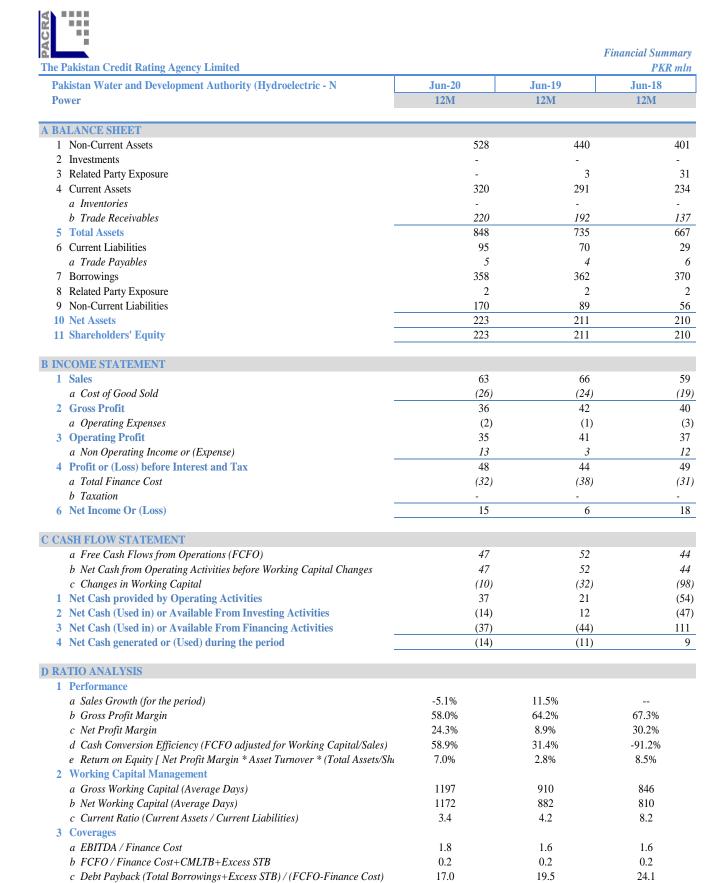
About The Instrument The Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has issued a rated, secured, privately placed Term Finance Certificates ("TFC") of PKR 4,235.3mln in Jul'21 to partially finance stage-1 of Dasu Hydropower Project, a 2,160MW run-of-river project. Stage-1 Project ("DHP-I" or the "Project") includes the construction of a hydraulic structure on the Indus river and underground power generation facilities. The total financing package for the Project will be subject to a maximum aggregate limit of PKR 144bln and comprises of distinct conventional and Islamic finance facilities classified as a) Facilities secured by an irrevocable, sovereign guarantee issued by the Government of Pakistan without SLR eligibility amounting to PKR 88bln and b) Facilities secured by WAPDA's assets amounting to PKR 56bln. The Sukuk has a tenor of 11 years door to door inclusive of Grace Period of 1 year. The profit will be paid semi-annually in arrears at the rate of 6M Kibor+1.45% p.a calculated on a 365 days basis on the outstanding principal amount. The principal will be paid in twenty equal semi-annual instalments which will commence from Nov'22 amounting to PKR 211.77mln each. There is also a call option attached to the Sukuk exercisable only after the expiry of the Grace Period on instalment payment dates, subject to a 30 day's prior written irrevocable notice to the Facility Agent. A prepayment price equivalent to 0.20% will be applicable to the amount being prepaid.

Relative Seniority/Subordination Of Instrument The claims of the TFC holders will rank superior to the claims of other stakeholders.

Credit Enhancement The TFC facility is covered through the GoP Guaranteed Backed Facilities i.e. Unconditional and irrevocable First Demand Guarantee covering principal and profit amount and any other amounts becoming due for payment in respect of the facilities from the Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan without SLR eligibility. WAPDA will also maintain a Debt Payment Account with the Investment Agent which will be held under exclusive lien in favour of the Security Agent. During each month WAPDA shall deposit equivalent to the 1/6th of the instalment amount into the Debt Payment Account (not later than the 15th day of each month of the instalment period) so that the aggregate amount available in the Debt Payment Account on the upcoming instalment date is equal to the relevant instalment amount.

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61.7%

10.4

8.4%

63.2%

11.8

9.9%

63.7%

37.6

8.1%

4 Capital Structure

b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)

c Entity Average Borrowing Rate

a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equity)

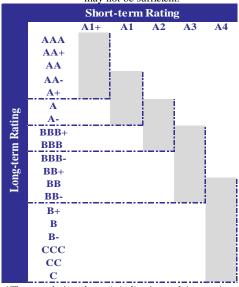


## Credit Rating

Credit rating reflects forward-looking opinion on credit worthiness of underlying entity or instrument; more specifically it covers relative ability to honor financial obligations. The primary factor being captured on the rating scale is relative likelihood of default.

	Long-term Rating				
Scale	Definition				
AAA	<b>Highest credit quality.</b> Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments				
AA+					
AA	<b>Very high credit quality.</b> Very low expectation of credit risk. Indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.				
AA-	validade to identification				
<b>A</b> +					
A	<b>High credit quality.</b> Low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.				
<b>A</b> -					
BBB+					
BBB	Good credit quality. Currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.				
BBB-					
BB+	Madawata wiele Describility of avadit wiele dayslaming. There is a magnibility of avadit wiele				
ВВ	<b>Moderate risk.</b> Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit rideveloping, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial				
BB-	commitments to be met.				
B+					
В	High credit risk. A limited margin of safety remains against credit risk. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.				
B-					
CCC	Very high credit risk. Substantial credit risk "CCC" Default is a real possibility.				
CC	Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. "CC" Rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. "C" Ratings signal imminent default.				
<u>C</u>					
D	Obligations are currently in default.				

	Short-term Rating				
Scale	Definition				
A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.				
A1	A strong capacity for timely				
AI	repayment.				
	A satisfactory capacity for timely				
A 2	repayment. This may be susceptible to				
AZ	adverse changes in business,				
	economic, or financial conditions.				
	An adequate capacity for timely repayment.				
<b>A3</b>	Such capacity is susceptible to adverse				
	changes in business, economic, or financial				
	The capacity for timely repayment is more				
A4	susceptible to adverse changes in business,				
A4	economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity				
	may not be sufficient.				



\*The correlation shown is indicative and, in certain cases, may not hold.

Outlook (Stable, Positive,
Negative, Developing) Indicates
the potential and direction of a
rating over the intermediate term in
response to trends in economic
and/or fundamental
business/financial conditions. It is
not necessarily a precursor to a
rating change. 'Stable' outlook
means a rating is not likely to
change. 'Positive' means it may be
raised. 'Negative' means it may be
lowered. Where the trends have
conflicting elements, the outlook
may be described as 'Developing'.

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- b) Corporate Rating
- c) Debt Instrument Rating
- d) Financial Institution Rating
- e) Holding Company Rating
- f) Independent Power Producer Rating
- g) Microfinance Institution Rating
- h) Non-Banking Finance Companies Rating

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Nature of Instrument	Size of Issue (PKR)	Tenor	Security	Quantum of Security	Nature of Assets	Trustee	Book Value of Assets (PKR mln)
Term Finance Certificates (TFC)	4,235.3 mln	11 years	Un-conditional & irrevocable first demand guarantee covering principal and profit from the Ministry of Finance, GoP.     Exclusive lien over debt payment account for the benefit of investors.	WAPDA maintains a Debt Payment Account (DPA) with the HBL (Facility Agent). During each month (not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of each month), WAPDA shall deposit amount equivalent to the 1/6th share of the Installment into the DPA	WAPDA's own cash flows.	Pak Brunei Investment Company Limited	N/A
Name of Issuer	Name of Issuer Water and Power Development Authority						
Issue Date	29-Jul-21						
Maturity	7-May-32						
Option	N/A						

Due Date Principle	Opening Principal	Principal Repayment	Due Date Markup/ Profit	6M Kibor	Markup/Profit Payment	Installment Payable	Principal Outstanding
	PKR in mln					PKR in mln	
Issuance							4,235,300,000
8-Nov-21	4,235,300,000	-	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	107,112,478	107,112,478	4,235,300,000
6-May-22	4,235,300,000	-	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	190,072,142	190,072,142	4,235,300,000
8-Nov-22	4,235,300,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	193,222,508	404,987,508	4,023,535,000
8-May-23	4,023,535,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	180,568,534	392,333,534	3,811,770,000
8-Nov-23	3,811,770,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	173,900,258	385,665,258	3,600,005,000
8-May-24	3,600,005,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	162,141,757	373,906,757	3,388,240,000
8-Nov-24	3,388,240,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	154,155,663	365,920,663	3,176,475,000
8-May-25	3,176,475,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	142,437,904	354,202,904	2,964,710,000
7-Nov-25	2,964,710,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	135,255,756	347,020,756	2,752,945,000
8-May-26	2,752,945,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	123,546,892	335,311,892	2,541,180,000
6-Nov-26	2,541,180,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	115,933,505	327,698,505	2,329,415,000
7-May-27	2,329,415,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	104,539,678	316,304,678	2,117,650,000
8-Nov-27	2,117,650,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	96,611,254	308,376,254	1,905,885,000
8-May-28	1,905,885,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	85,839,754	297,604,754	1,694,120,000
8-Nov-28	1,694,120,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	77,077,831	288,842,831	1,482,355,000
8-May-29	1,482,355,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	66,471,022	278,236,022	1,270,590,000
8-Nov-29	1,270,590,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	57,966,753	269,731,753	1,058,825,000
8-May-30	1,058,825,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	47,518,035	259,283,035	847,060,000
8-Nov-30	847,060,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	38,644,502	250,409,502	635,295,000
8-May-31	635,295,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	28,510,821	240,275,821	423,530,000
7-Nov-31	423,530,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	19,322,251	231,087,251	211,765,000
7-May-32	211,765,000	211,765,000	6 M KIBOR + 1.45%	7.60%	9,537,750	221,302,750	-
		4,235,300,000			2,310,387,047	6,545,687,047	

## NOTE:

Rental Rate= (6month KIBOR + 145 bps).

Redemption schedule is prepared as per "PAYMENT AGREEMENT" dated 29th March, 2017.

Projected Rental are calculated on the basis of 6-month KIBOR dated 28.07.2021 i.e. 7.60%