



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Chanar Energy Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
29-Jun-2020	BBB-	A3	Negative	Maintain	YES
28-Jan-2020	BBB-	A3	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

Chanar Energy Limited has a 22MW baggase based power plant which is adding renewable energy to the national grid. The IPP model is designed to creating synergy and higher efficiency gains between IPP and sugar mill. Sustainable business profile of Chanar Energy emanates from the demand risk coverage under Energy Purchase Agreement signed with CPPA-G and 'Bagasse supply and Steam Purchase Agreement' with Chanar Sugar Mills Limited, a related entity. However, procurement of raw material, solely from the associated concern, Chanar Sugar Mills, is posing constraints on generation capability and cash flow stream of the Company. The main risk factor affecting the stability of return is the availability of baggase at a price higher than the assigned fuel component, by NEPRA. The ratings reflect company's average credit quality and liquidity profile. Plant availability during crushing season is reported at 19%, while during off season the same remained unavailable. Below benchmark operational parameters, coupled with restricted supply avenues, impacted the Company's revenues and profitability. Company has project debt of PKR 2,200mln repayable till Feb 2029 in quarterly installments. Uptill now, the due debt obligations are met through energy receivables and short-term credit lines. Likewise, the operational needs are financed by sponsors. The leverage is high in comparison to the equity base. The downward adjustment in the interest rates would add cushion. The management is resorting to deferment appeal for the upcoming principal payments. However, material progress is yet to be seen, as approval from the financing consortium is in process.

Rating Watch and developing outlook signifies the prevailing uncertainty pertinent to company's financial muscles, deferment approval and timely debt servicing. The ratings are dependent on Chanar Energy's ability to sustain its business (Both On and Off sugar season) and financial profile; any deterioration in margins, leading to weak coverages and pressure on liquidity, will have a negative impact on ratings. Financial support from sponsors remains imperative in the long term. However, SBP's initiative of reducing interest rates and deferral of principal repayments for one year will provide relief.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Chanar Energy Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology IPP(Jun-19),Methodology Correlation Between Long-Term And Short-Term Rating Scale(Jun-19),Criteria Rating Modifier(Jun-19)
Related Research	Sector Study Power(Jan-20)
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Profile

Plant Chanar Energy Limited (CEL) has a co-generation bagasse based power plant with a gross generation capacity of 22MW (Net capacity: 20MW). The plant is capable of supplying both electricity and steam to the associated company, Chanar Sugar Mills Limited (CSML). The net exportable electricity to grid during season is ~14.5 MWh and during off season is ~20 MWh.

Tariff Chanar Energy's key source of earnings is the revenue generated through sale of electricity to the power purchaser, CPPA-G and associated company, CSML. The levelized upfront tariff decided by NEPRA is UScents/KWh 10.5601.

Return On Project The dollar ROE of Chanar Energy is 17%.

Ownership

Ownership Structure CEL's majority shareholding is with Mr. Javed Ahmad Kayani (60%). Other shares of the company are held by Ms. Atiya Kiyani (10%), Mr. Murtaza Feroze Kiyani (10%), Mr. Hamza Feroze Kiyani (10%), Ms. Tayyaba Kayani (5%) and Chanar Sugar Mills Limited (5%).

Stability Stability in the IPPs is drawn from the agreements signed between the company and power purchaser. However, sponsors association with Chanar Sugar Mills Limited will continue to provide comfort.

Business Acumen Chanar Group is engaged in the business of sugar mill and power sector. Mr Javed is a seasoned businessman. His numerous articles on sugar industry have appeared in leading newspapers like Business Recorder and daily DAWN.

Financial Strength The foundation of the group was laid with the establishment of Chanar Sugar Mill in 1990. There are 2 companies in the group and are owned by individuals of the chairman's family. Chanar Sugar Mills Limited continue to provide comfort.

Governance

Board Structure CEL's four member board comprises of four family members of the Kayani family, Mr. Javed Ahmad Kayani, Ms. Atiya Kiyani (wife of Mr. Javed Ahmad Kayani), Mr. Murtaza Feroz Kiyani and Mr. Hamza Feroz Kiyani. Mr. Javed Ahmad Kayani, CEO of the company is also the Chairman of the Board.

Members' Profile Mr. Javed Ahmad Kayani is CEO of the group. He has been elected as Chairman of Pakistan Sugar Mills Association 'Punjab Zone' for the sessions 2002-2004, 2008-2010 and 2014-2016 and served as Chairman of Pakistan Sugar Mills Association 'Central Office' for the sessions 2010-2012 and 2016-2018.

Board Effectiveness For effective oversight of the matters of the company, board discussions are held regularly where important matters related to the company are discussed.

Financial Transparency EY Ford Rhodes is the external auditor of the company and has expressed an unqualified opinion on the company's financial statements as at 30 June, 2019.

Management

Organizational Structure IPPs are generally featured by a flat organizational structure, mainly comprising finance and technical staff.

Management Team Mr. Javed Kiyani is the CEO of the company carrying more than 30 years of experience in Sugar & Textile and Power Sectors. He is assisted by a team of experienced professionals.-

Effectiveness Chanar Energy's management effectiveness plays a significant role in empowering the organization through positive results, which has made decision making process systematic.

Control Environment Chanar Energy has an in-house MIS reporting system for monitoring operations and management reporting.

Operational Risk

Power Purchase Agreement Chanar Energy's key source of earnings is the revenue generated through sale of electricity to the power purchaser, CPPA-G, and a related company. The Company, during the season, will receive energy and capacity payments if it is at the benchmark availability and is ready to provide electricity, even if no purchase order is placed by CPPA-G. During off-season, company will receive capacity payments if it produces electricity and remains available

Operation And Maintenance Chanar Energy is handling the O&M function in-house. In this regard, it has built a well experienced O&M team as the Plant is adjacent to the Chanar Sugar Mills Limited (CSML), a related company.

Resource Risk Bagasse is the primary fuel of the co-generative plant. CSML and Chanar Energy has entered in to an agreement of supply of bagasse to the plant. CSML has a cane crushing capacity of 4,800 MT per day. Bagasse is to be procured from Chanar Sugar Mills Limited, for which payment is contingent on meeting all cash commitments as per agreed waterfall.

Insurance Cover CEL has significant insurance coverage for property damage and business interruption.

Performance Risk

Industry Dynamics Pakistan total power generation is increasing on the back of new power projects under CPEC. Owing to newly installed plants, Pakistan's energy mix is shifting towards Solar/Wind/Gas/RLNG and coal from Furnace Oil and other expensive sources. During July - March FY2019, installed capacity of electricity reached 34,282 MW, which was 33,433 MW in corresponding period last year, thus, posting a growth of 2.5 percent. The generation increased from 82,011GWh to 84,680 GWh, posting a growth of 3.3 percent during the period under discussion.

Generation CEL has an installed capacity of 80,810 MWh (based on 4,236 hours). During the review, company produced 28,984MWh (FY19: 8,474MWh) of electricity, out of which 77% was provided to CPPA-G and rest was purchased by CSML.

Performance Benchmark During 9MFY20, plant operated for 70 days; the capacity factor (19%) stood below the benchmark of 45%. The same is attributable to the non-availability of bagasse at profitable price.

Financial Risk

Financing Structure Analysis Chanar Energy's project-related debt is ~ 2,200mln repayable in quarterly installments. The total tenor of the project debt is twelve years including grace period which is earlier of two years or COD. Project debt will be redeemed in 40 consecutive quarterly installments starting from May 2019. The capital structure of the project is 25% equity and 75% debt. Cost overruns have been funded by the sponsors. The company allowed debt by CPPA-G was PKR 1,752mln whereas actual debt was PKR 2,200mln. The difference of PKR 448mln is excess debt, which was incurred to achieve higher efficiency in steam production. As of date, the project related debt stood at PKR 2,081mln. Company is in process of seeking principal payment deferment till Feb21, from lending institutions; approval from banks is pending. However, debt payment for May20, remained unpaid.

Liquidity Profile As of 9MFY20, total receivables of the company stood at PKR 243mln (FY19: PKR 43mln) among the outstanding receipts, 27% are overdue by 60 days. Due to circular debt in power sector, IPPs have to manage their liquidity requirements from short-term borrowings.

Working Capital Financing Cash cycle days stood at -8 days at end March-20 (FY19: -500 days) with the decrease in receivable days (end-March20: 147days, FY19: 157 days) depicting satisfactory payments recovery from CPPA-G. During the review, company does not have any working capital credit facility, and has funded its operational requirements through sponsor's support. As per management, the interest liabilities will be paid from CPPA-G receipts and operational expenses will be financed by sponsors.

Cash Flow Analysis The company has started operations in FY19. As of 9MFY20, free cash flows from operations (FCFO) stood at PKR 188mln (FY19: PKR-39mln). Company's debt service ratio is reported at 0.7x (FY19: -0.2x). After considering outstanding receivables, due debt obligations and operational cash needs; company's cash flow position seems stringent.

Capitalization Chanar Energy's leveraging for 9MFY20 stood at ~76% (FY19: 77%).



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Power Financial Summary

Chanar Energy Limited

PKRmln

BALANCE SHEET	30-Mar-20	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-18
	9M	FY19	FY18
Non-Current Assets	2,992	3,033	2,310
Investments (Others)	-	-	-
Current Assets	653	530	246
Inventory	5	-	-
Trade Receivables	243	43	-
Other Current Assets	163	142	86
Cash & Bank Balances	243	345	160
Total Assets	3,645	3,562	2,556
Debt			
Short-term	64	-	-
Long-term (Inlc. Current Maturity of long-term debt)	2,095	2,156	1,592
Other Short term liabilities (inclusive of trade payables)	551	561	212
Other Long term Liabilities	245	182	-
Shareholder's Equity	691	663	752
Total Liabilities & Equity	3,645	3,562	2,556

INCOME STATEMENT

Turnover	451	99	-
Gross Profit	152	(9)	-
Other Income	22	9	2
Financial Charges	(169)	(124)	(0)
Net Income	(11)	(141)	0

Cashflow Statement

Free Cashflow from Operations (FCFO)	188	(39)	(63)
Net Cash changes in Working Capital	(221)	268	188
Net Cash from Operating Activities	(185)	169	68
Net Cash from Investing Activities	(21)	(783)	(1,840)
Net Cash from Financing Activities	105	798	1,625
Net Cash generated during the period	(102)	184	(147)

Ratio Analysis

Performance

Turnover Growth	353.5%	N/A	N/A
Gross Margin	33.7%	-9.3%	N/A
Net Margin	-2.5%	-141.9%	N/A
ROE	-2.2%	-21.3%	N/A

Coverages

Debt Service Coverage (X) (FCFO/Gross Interest+CMLTD)	0.7	-0.2	-0.9
Interest Coverage (X) (FCFO/Gross Interest)	1.1	-0.3	-520.8
FCFO Pre-WC/Gross interest+CMLTD	0.7	-0.2	-0.9

Liquidity

Short Term Borrowings Coverage (Adjusted Quick Assets/Short Term)	-0.3	N/A	N/A
Net Cash Cycle (Inventory Days + Receivable Days - Payable Days)	-8.1	-499.8	N/A

Capital Structure (Total Debt/Total Debt+Equity)	75.7%	76.5%	67.9%
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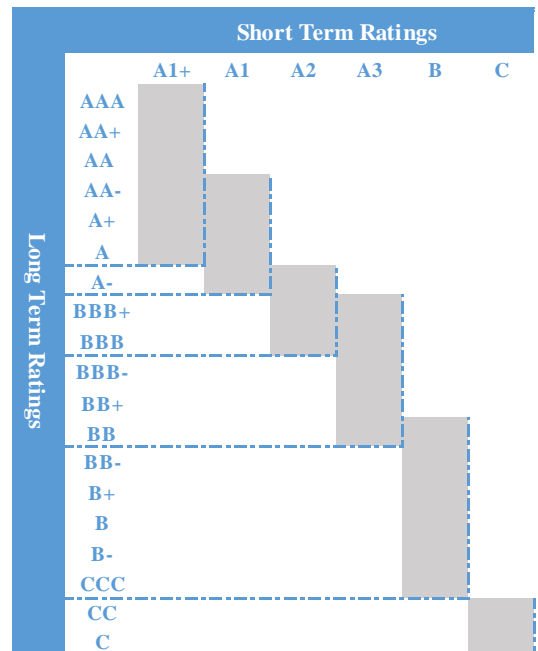
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Credit Rating Scale & Definitions

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 Ratings		Short Term Ratings	
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments	A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
AA+ AA AA-	Very high credit quality. 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.	A1	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
A+ A A-	High credit quality. 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.	A2	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
BBB+ 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.	A3	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
BB+ BB BB-	Moderate risk. Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.	B	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
B+ B B-	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.	C	An inadequate capacity to ensure timely repayment.
CCC CC C	Very high credit risk. Substantial credit risk “CCC” Default is a real possibility. 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.		
D	Obligations are currently in default.		



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