



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

WAPDA Dasu Sukuk-E

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Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
26-Sep-2024	AAA	-	Stable	Initial	-
28-Jun-2024	AAA	-	Stable	Preliminary	-
29-Dec-2023	AAA	-	Stable	Preliminary	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority ("WAPDA") has issued last tranche of Sukuk worth PKR 10,094mln in May'24. WAPDA will utilize this amount to partially finance the construction of the Dasu hydropower project Stage-I ("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 May'27. The project will be completed in two stages, the installed capacity would be 4,320MW (stage-I 2,160MW) and the total annual energy of 21,485 GWh will be produced (Stage-I 12,220 GWh). Stage -I project includes the construction of a hydraulic structure on the Indus River and underground power generation facilities. The total land (5,031 acres) required for the project has been acquired. The Project would be financed through a mix of WAPDA internally generated cash (15%) and borrowing (85%) i) Long-term (local & foreign) ii) Bonds Issuance (Islamic & Conventional). Currently, the physical progress of the Project stands at ~21.86%, while financial progress stands at ~62.08%. Series E Sukuk is part of local financing facility package of PKR 144bln availed from the local syndicate bank for a period of 15 years, whereby PKR 52.8bln were to be raised in form of GOP guarantee backed Sukuk in total five tranches. Accordingly, WAPDA issued 5 Series (A, B, C, D and E) of Sukuk by aggregate amount of PKR 52.8bln. The assigned rating of Sukuk incorporates an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee by the Government of Pakistan (GoP) which has already been issued. The guarantee is covering the payment of the total outstanding amount of the Sukuk and the related profit component. GoP would pay the entire called amount immediately upon receiving a demand notice from the issue agent. Additionally, WAPDA has maintained a Debt Payment Account (DPA) with the Facility Agent which is held under an exclusive lien in favor of the Issue agent. During each month, WAPDA deposits an amount equivalent to 1/6th of the upcoming Installment into the DPA, so that the aggregate amount available in the DPA on the upcoming Installment Date is equal to the relevant upcoming Installment. WAPDA has generated a topline of ~PKR 38bln during 6MFY24 (FY23: ~PKR 75bln) and a bottom line of ~PKR 17bln during 6MFY24 (FY23: ~PKR 8bln).

WAPDA's financial profile draws comfort from strong cash flows. However, it remains dependent on the repayment behavior of the power purchaser.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	WAPDA Dasu Sukuk-E
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Debt Instrument Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Debt Instrument Rating(Dec-23),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Apr-24),Methodology Corporate Rating(Jul-24)
Related Research	Sector Study Power(Jan-24)
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Issuer Profile

Profile WAPDA is a statutory body fully owned by the Government of Pakistan, established through 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 9,389MW. It is the largest hydel energy producer in the country. WAPDA is in the process of constructing different projects which are to add ~8,990MW by 2029.

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 favorable 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.) Sajjad Ghani is the Chairman of WAPDA since 2022 a retired army professional and a diplomat brings the experience of 4 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 WAPDA 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 9,389MW, while many projects are in pipeline including Mohmand Dam, Tarbela 5th Extension, Dasu Hydro power and Diamer Bhasha Dam Power Project. The aforementioned projects with a maximum capacity of 8,990 MW are expected to complete in the year 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2029 respectively. WAPDA generated 31,286GWh electricity in FY23. The Company has generated a topline of ~PKR 38bln during 6MFY24 (FY23: ~PKR 75bln). WAPDA generated a humble bottom line of ~PKR 17bln during 6MFY24 (FY23: ~PKR 8bln).

Financial Risk As part of its arrangement with the provinces, WAPDA is liable to pay a Net Hydel Profit @ 1.404 Kwh to KPK and @ 1.337 Kwh to Punjab. This amount is recoverable from CPPA-G via its tariff. NEPRA approved WAPDA's tariff including Net Hydel Profit payable to provinces in FY17. Consequently, WHE's receivables stood at ~PKR 211bln at the end of 6MFY24 (FY23: ~PKR 290bln). Thus, receivable days stood at ~1,209 days at end of 6MFY24 (FY23: ~1,379 days). WAPDA's free cash flow from operation (FCFO) during FY23 increased to ~PKR 21bln (FY22: ~PKR 86bln). Consequently, WAPDA's interest cover ratio has also decreased to ~ 1.4x at the end of FY23 (FY22: 2.1x). During FY23, WAPDA's leverage capital structure stood at ~ 72.3% as of 6MFY24 (FY23: ~ 74.2%), on account of total borrowing of ~PKR 697bln at the end of 6MFY24 (FY23: ~PKR 718bln).

Instrument Rating Considerations

About The Instrument WAPDA issued a rated, secured, privately placed WAPDA Dasu Sukuk-E ("Sukuk") PKR 10,094mln to partially finance stage-1 of Dasu Hydropower Project, a 2,160MW run-of-river project. Stage-1 Project ("DHP-1" 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 i) Facilities secured by an irrevocable, sovereign guarantee issued by the Government of Pakistan without SLR eligibility amounting to PKR 88bln and ii) Facilities secured by WAPDA's assets amounting to PKR 56bln. The Sukuk has a tenor of 8 years. 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 also will be paid in seventeen equal semi-annual installments commenced from May 08, 2024 amounting PKR 593.7mln each. There is also a call option attached to the Sukuk exercisable only after the expiry of the availability 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. Currently, the physical progress of the Project stands at ~21.86%, while financial progress stands at ~62.08%. The work on the Project site was suspended in Jul'21 due to some unforeseen circumstances but resumed again on Oct'21. Now, it is fully mobilized.

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

Credit Enhancement The Sukuk 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 Issue 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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PKR bln

Pakistan Water and Development Authority (Hydroelectric - NEPRA Regulated Business) Power	Dec-23 6M	Jun-23 12M	Jun-22 12M	Jun-21 12M
A BALANCE SHEET				
1 Non-Current Assets	967	893	719	605
2 Investments	21	21	-	-
3 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
4 Current Assets	488	516	482	427
a Inventories	-	-	-	-
b Trade Receivables	211	290	275	243
5 Total Assets	1,476	1,430	1,201	1,032
6 Current Liabilities	37	31	26	19
a Trade Payables	24	17	19	16
7 Borrowings	697	718	577	470
8 Related Party Exposure	150	128	98	90
9 Non-Current Liabilities	325	302	252	218
10 Net Assets	267	250	249	234
11 Shareholders' Equity	267	250	249	234
B INCOME STATEMENT				
1 Sales	38	75	99	67
a Cost of Good Sold	(17)	(29)	(27)	(26)
2 Gross Profit	21	46	72	41
a Operating Expenses	(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)
3 Operating Profit	19	43	70	39
a Non Operating Income or (Expense)	29	13	(0)	8
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	48	57	70	47
a Total Finance Cost	(31)	(49)	(50)	(30)
b Taxation	-	-	-	-
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	17	8	19	17
C CASH FLOW STATEMENT				
a Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO)	-	21	86	53
b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital Changes	-	21	86	53
c Changes in Working Capital	-	17	(27)	(10)
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	-	38	60	43
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	-	(57)	(75)	(52)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	-	26	27	90
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	-	8	12	80
D RATIO ANALYSIS				
1 Performance				
a Sales Growth (for the period)	1.1%	-24.2%	47.8%	0.0%
b Gross Profit Margin	54.8%	61.3%	73.0%	61.4%
c Net Profit Margin	44.6%	10.1%	19.7%	25.2%
d Cash Conversion Efficiency (FCFO adjusted for Working Capital/Sales)	0.0%	50.4%	60.8%	64.7%
e Return on Equity [Net Profit Margin * Asset Turnover * (Total Assets/Shareholders' Equity)]	13.1%	3.0%	8.1%	7.2%
2 Working Capital Management				
a Gross Working Capital (Average Days)	1209	1379	957	1329
b Net Working Capital (Average Days)	1109	1289	892	1242
c Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)	13.2	16.8	18.9	22.1
3 Coverages				
a EBITDA / Finance Cost	0.0	1.4	2.1	1.9
b FCFO / Finance Cost+CMLTB+Excess STB	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
c Debt Payback (Total Borrowings+Excess STB) / (FCFO-Finance Cost)	0.0	-21.0	9.6	14.4
4 Capital Structure				
a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equity)	72.3%	74.2%	69.9%	66.7%
b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)	26.7	34.8	28.3	22.7
c Entity Average Borrowing Rate	8.7%	7.3%	8.2%	6.0%

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.

Scale	Long-term Rating Definition
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments
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.
AA-	
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.
A-	
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+	
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.
BB-	
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.
B-	
CCC	
CC	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.
C	
D	Obligations are currently in default.

Scale	Short-term Rating Definition
A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
A1	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
A2	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A3	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A4	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity may not be sufficient.



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 b) Corporate Rating
 c) Debt Instrument Rating
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Tentative Repayment Schedule

Nature of Instrument	Size of Issue (PKR)	Years	Security	Quantum of Security	Nature of Assets	Issue Agent
Sukuk - E	10,094 mln	8 years	1. Un-conditional & irrevocable first demand guarantee covering principal and profit from the Ministry of Finance, GoP. 2. 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

Name of Issuer	Water and Power Development Authority
Issue Date	May-24
Maturity	May-32

<i>In PKR '000'</i>						
Payment Period	Due Date	Principal as at Start of Period	Principal Repayment	Profit Payments	Cumulative amount to be paid	Balance as at end of period
				Interest 6MK+1.45%		
0	May-24	10,094,070	-	-	-	10,094,070
1	May-24	10,094,070	593,769	6,387	600,156	9,500,301
2	Nov-24	9,500,301	593,769	1,100,893	1,694,662	8,906,532
3	May-25	8,906,532	593,769	1,018,041	1,611,810	8,312,764
4	Nov-25	8,312,764	593,769	960,671	1,554,440	7,718,995
5	May-26	7,718,995	593,769	887,177	1,480,946	7,125,226
6	Nov-26	7,125,226	593,769	818,932	1,412,701	6,531,457
7	May-27	6,531,457	593,769	750,688	1,344,457	5,937,688
8	Nov-27	5,937,688	593,769	693,693	1,287,462	5,343,919
9	May-28	5,343,919	593,769	612,521	1,206,290	4,750,151
10	Nov-28	4,750,151	593,769	550,446	1,144,215	4,156,382
11	May-29	4,156,382	593,769	475,086	1,068,855	3,562,613
12	Nov-29	3,562,613	593,769	413,966	1,007,735	2,968,844
13	May-30	2,968,844	593,769	339,347	933,116	2,375,075
14	Nov-30	2,375,075	593,769	275,977	869,746	1,781,306
15	May-31	1,781,306	593,769	203,608	797,377	1,187,538
16	Nov-31	1,187,538	593,769	137,239	731,008	593,769
17	May-32	593,769	593,769	68,058	661,827	0
Total			10,094,070	9,312,731	19,406,801	