

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

# **Rating Report**

# WAPDA Dasu TFC-D

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Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch	
15-Dec-2023	AAA	-	Stable	Initial	-	
25-Jul-2023	AAA	-	Stable	Preliminary	-	

# **Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers**

The Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority ("WAPDA") has issued the 4th tranche of TFC worth PKR 10,000mln in Sep-23. 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. Out of the total land required (5,031 acres) for the project 5,022 acres have 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 ~19.21%, while financial progress stands at ~50.30%. The Series D TFC is part of the local financing facility package of PKR 144bln availed from the local syndicate bank for a period of 15 years, whereby PKR 35.2bln is to be raised in form of GOP guarantee backed TFC in five no. tranches. WAPDA has currently issued 4 Series (A, B, C, and D) of TFC by aggregate amount of PKR 28.471bln and remaining available limit ~PKR 6.729bln will be issued in the form of TFC E. 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 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 will be held under an exclusive lien in favor of the Issue agent. During each month, WAPDA shall deposit 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 38 bln (6MFY22: ~PKR 49bln) and a bottom line of ~PKR 13 bln during 6MFY23 (6MFY22: ~PKR 9bln). WAPDA generated 28,903GWh electricity in FY22. WAPDA expects to generate an additional ~8,990MW by the completion of new hydel projects in the next six years.

As per management representation, the audit of annual financial statements of WAPDA till the end of Jun-23 is currently in process and audited financials will be available by the end of Dec-23.

Disclosure				
Name of Rated Entity	WAPDA Dasu TFC-D			
Type of Relationship	Solicited			
Purpose of the Rating	Debt Instrument Rating			
Applicable Criteria	Methodology   Corporate Rating(Jul-23),Methodology   Rating Modifiers(Apr-23),Methodology   Debt Instrument Rating(Aug-23)			
Related Research	Sector Study   Power(Jan-23)			
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#### The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

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** 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 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 28,903GWh electricity in FY22. WAPDA has generated a topline of ~PKR 38bh during 6MFY23 (FY22: ~PKR 99bh, 6MFY22: ~PKR 49bh). WAPDA generated a humble bottom line of ~PKR 13bh during 6MFY23 (FY22: ~PKR 19bhn,

**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 increased significantly at end 6MFY23 to ~PKR 299bln (FY22: ~PKR 275bln, 6MFY22: ~PKR 226bln). Thus, receivable days have also increased to ~1,387 days at end 6MFY23 (FY22: ~957 days, 6MFY22: ~876 days). WAPDA's free cash flow from operation (FCFO) during 6MFY23 decreased to ~PKR 13bln (FY22: ~PKR 86bln, 6MFY23: ~PKR 20bln). Consequently, WAPDA's interest cover ratio have also decreased to ~ 0.7x at end 6MFY23 (FY22: 2.1x, 6MFY22: ~1.2x). During 6MFY23, WAPDA's leverage capital structure stood at~ 70% (FY22: ~69.9%, 6MFY22: ~66%), on account of total borrowing increased significantly at end 6MFY23 to ~PKR 471bln).

#### Instrument Rating Considerations

About The Instrument WAPDA has issued a rated, secured, privately placed WAPDA Dasu TFC-D ("TFC") of PKR 4,235.3mln in Sep-23 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 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 TFC has a tenor of 9 years. The profit is being 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 is also being paid in eighteen equal semi-annual installments commenced from Nov-23 amounting to PKR 556.5mln each. The Company has paid the first markup amounting PKR 302.9mln and total principal amounting PKR 556.5mln till now. There is also a call option attached to the TFC 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 ~19.21%, while financial progress stands at ~50.30%. 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 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 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.

Power

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Dec-22	Jun-22	Jun-21	Jun-20
6M	12M	12M	12M
766	719	605	52
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
524	482	427	32
-	-	-	-
299	275	243	22
		· · · · ·	84
21	26		
16	19	16	
618	577	470	35
			8
			17
			22
262	249	234	22
38	99	67	e
(15)	(27)	(26)	(2
23	72	41	
(1)	(2)	(2)	
22	70	39	
14	(0)	8	
36	70	47	2
(23)	(50)	(30)	(3
-	-	-	-
13	19	17	1
13	86	53	4
13	86	53	4
-	(27)	(10)	(1
13	60	43	3
-	(75)	(52)	(
-			(3
13	12	80	(1
-23.6%	47.8%	6.4%	-5.1%
60.4%	73.0%	61.4%	58.0%
34.3%	19.7%	25.2%	24.3%
34.3%	60.8%	64.7%	58.9%
10.2%	8.1%	7.4%	7.0%
1207	057	12(4	1107
			1197
			1172
24.3	18.9	22.1	35.4
0.7	2.1	1.0	1.0
			1.8 0.2
			0.2
70.00/	(0.00)	66 <b>7</b> 0/	(1.70/
70.3%	69.9%	66.7%	61.7%
16.7 6.9%	69.9% 28.3 8.2%	66.7% 22.7 6.8%	61.7% 10.4 8.4%
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# Corporate Rating Criteria

Scale

Short-term Rating

Definition The highest capacity for timely repayment.

A strong capacity for timely

repayment. A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to

adverse changes in business. economic, or financial conditions An adequate capacity for timely repayment.

Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business,

economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity may not be sufficient. Short-term Rating **A1** 

A1+

AAA AA+AA AA- $\mathbf{A}$ + A

A-BBB-BBB BBB-BB+ BB BB  $\mathbf{R}$ + В B-CCC CC С

A2

A3

**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	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments				
A+					
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.				
<b>A-</b>					
BB+					
BBB	<b>Good credit quality.</b> 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+	Madanata dala Davahilitara Canadia dala davahasina Titana ina masihilitara Canadia dala				
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	<b>High credit risk.</b> 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-					
CC	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.				
С	appears probable. C Ratings signal miniment default.				
D	Obligations are currently in default.				

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

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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)	Years	Security	Quantum of Security	Nature of Assets	Issue Agent
TFC Series D	PKR 10,000mln	9 years	<ol> <li>Un-conditional &amp; irrevocable first demand guarantee covering principal and profit from the Ministry of Finance, GoP.</li> <li>Exclusive lien over debt payment account for the benefit of investors.</li> </ol>	HRL (Facility Agent) During	WAPDA's own cash flows.	Pak Brunei Investment Company

Name of Issuer	Water and Power Devolpment Authority								
Issue Date	Sep-23								
Maturity	May-32								
Profit Rate	6MK+1.45%								
	WAPDA Dasu TFC-D   Redemption Schedule (000)								
Payment Period	DatePrincipal as at Start of PeriodPrincipalMarkup/ProfitCumulative amount to be paid								
0	Sep-23	10,000,000		-	-	10,000,000			
1	Nov-23	10,000,000	555,556	302,989	858,545	9,444,444			
2	May-24	9,444,444	555,556	1,087,690	1,643,246	8,888,889			
3	Nov-24	8,888,889	555,556	1,034,958	1,590,514	8,333,333			
4	May-25	8,333,333	555,556	957,068	1,512,624	7,777,778			
5	Nov-25	7,777,778	555,556	908,069	1,463,625	7,222,222			
6	May-26	7,222,222	555,556	829,459	1,385,015	6,666,667			
7	Nov-26	6,666,667	555,556	778,345	1,333,901	6,111,111			
8	May-27	6,111,111	555,556	701,850	1,257,406	5,555,556			
9	Nov-27	5,555,556	555,556	648,621	1,204,177	5,000,000			
10	May-28	5,000,000	555,556	575,836	1,131,392	4,444,444			
11	Nov-28	4,444,444	555,556	517,479	1,073,035	3,888,889			
12	May-29	3,888,889	555,556	446,632	1,002,188	3,333,333			
13	Nov-29	3,333,333	555,556	389,173	944,728	2,777,778			
14	May-30	2,777,778	555,556	319,023	874,578	2,222,222			
15	Nov-30	2,222,222	555,556	259,448	815,004	1,666,667			
16	May-31	1,666,667	555,556	191,414	746,969	1,111,111			
17	Nov-31	1,111,111	555,556	129,724	685,280	555,556			
18	May-32	555,556	555,556	63,982	619,537	(0)			
		Total	10,000,000	10,141,762	20,141,762	•			