Buy



# **Power Grid**

**BSE SENSEX S&P CNX** 49,719 14,634

CMP: INR221 TP: INR255 (+15%)

Monetization plans set to take off



## **Stock Info**

Bloomberg	PWGR IN
Equity Shares (m)	5,232
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	1151.7 / 15.6
52-Week Range (INR)	239 / 153
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	1/3/-13
12M Avg Val (INR M)	2287
Free float (%)	48.7

## Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E MARCH	2020	2021E	2022E
Sales	394.3	411.1	441.9
EBITDA	346.2	365.0	393.1
Adj. PAT	110.6	124.7	135.1
EBITDA Margin (%)	87.8	88.8	89.0
Cons. Adj. EPS (INR)	21.1	23.8	25.8
EPS Gr. (%)	10.2	12.7	8.4
BV/Sh. (INR)	123.7	132.4	144.0
Ratios			
Net D:E	2.2	2.1	1.8
RoE (%)	17.9	18.6	18.7
RoCE (%)	7.9	8.3	8.9
Payout (%)	54.1	59.8	60.6
Valuations			
P/E (x)	10.4	9.3	8.6
P/BV (x)	1.8	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA(x)	7.5	7.1	6.4
Div. Yield (%)	4.5	5.9	6.4
FCF Yield (%)	17.3	14.8	21.7

# Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Mar-21	Dec-20	Mar-20							
Promoter	51.3	51.3	51.3							
DII	13.8	15.5	16.7							
FII	28.4	26.7	27.0							
Others	6.5	6.4	5.0							

# FII Includes depository receipts



# Providing a means for asset monetization

- The launch of Power Grid (PWGR)'s InvIT marks the start of monetization plans for its tariff-based competitive (TBCB) projects. The initial InvIT would house five transmission projects (gross block: INR72b). For PWGR, the same accounts for 3% of its total gross block and hence the value accretion is not large. We had valued these five assets at INR36b. Against this, we see a potential realized value of INR53b INR27b from offer for sale, INR13.7b of a 15% stake in InvIT, and ~INR12b est. value for a 26% stake in SPVs implying an INR3/sh accretion.
- Nevertheless, the InvIT provides a strong means for recycling as a) incremental orders within the sector are largely on a TBCB basis and b) PWGR has a healthy portfolio of 11 under-construction TBCB assets (cost: INR108b). Additionally, the co. has three other projects operationalized and has recently won five packages under the RE transmission scheme in Rajasthan thereby leading to a potential monetization pipeline for another INR235b worth of projects.
- Regulated tariff mechanism (RTM) assets, though, continue to be the mainstay for the co. RTM would account for 92% of the co.'s gross block in FY23 (post-InvIT: 94%). These assets are governed by CERC regulations, including RoEs, and are thus subject to changes in the same. Tariffs in the case of TBCB are more predictable and bid out in advance. PWGR noted that it could look at the option of transferring the RTM assets, but this looks unlikely in the near term, with the focus on monetizing its TBCB pipeline.

# InvIT – expect initial IRRs at 9%, yield at 11–12%

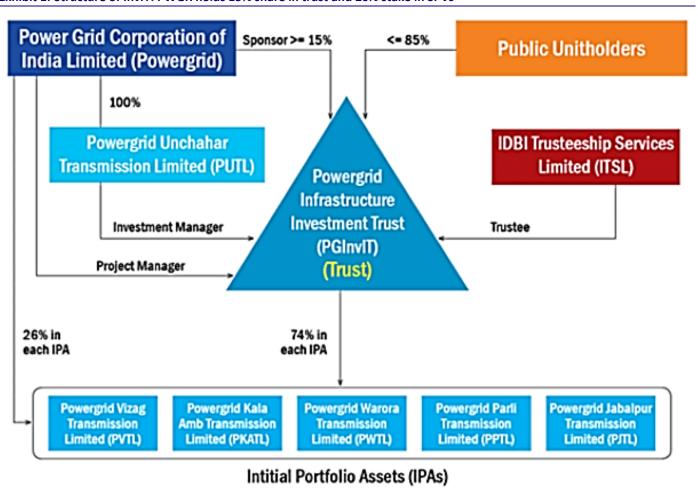
- The five assets transferred to the InvIT provide a steady stream of cash flow and have been operational for the past 2–4 years – thereby implying another 31–33 years of life under the transmission service agreement (TSA). PWGR would retain a 26% stake in the individual SPVs until the lock-in period (five years from CoD).
- The offer sets the valuation of the InvIT at INR91b, with an issue size of INR77.4b; PWGR holds a 15% stake in the InvIT. Of the total proceeds, INR27b is an offer for sale from PWGR, while INR50b would be used to repay the debt of the SPVs. The InvIT is projected to generate cash flow from operations of INR11−12b p.a. over FY22−24. We believe the InvIT could provide yield of 11−12% in the initial years, with overall IRR of ~9%. However, there remains a robust growth opportunity, with the ability to leverage at the InvIT level and improve IRR − given an INR235b pipeline at the sponsor (PWGR).

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# See a strong case for higher dividends; Maintain Buy

- PWGR had noted that monetization proceeds from the InvIT would be used for future growth purposes. While the awarding of transmission schemes under renewable integration provides this opportunity, our checks suggest continued challenges have resulted in the awarding being deferred. Accordingly, with a declining order book and capex schedule, we see a strong case for higher dividend in the near term.
- With INR27b upfront cash from the OFS sale, we see this as potentially distributable to shareholders implying an additional dividend of INR5/sh. This, along with a steady 60–65% payout ratios, would translate to DPS of INR34/sh over the next two years implying dividend yield of 8%. Furthermore, a) the share of dividend from SPVs of the InvIT, b) a 26% stake sale in the five SPVs, and c) the further transfer of assets to the InvIT provide additional distribution potential. Given a ~7% dividend yield (current) backed by steady earnings growth (7% CAGR over FY21–23) and RoEs of 18% PWGR remains attractively valued at 1.4x FY23E P/BV. Maintain Buy, with DCF-based TP of INR255/sh.

Exhibit 1: Structure of InvIT: PWGR holds 15% share in trust and 26% stake in SPVs



Source: Power Grid InvIT RHP, MOFSL

INR50b of the proceeds from the issue would be used to pay off the SPV debt

Exhibit 2: Key parameters for five projects (INR m)

Project	Gross block	Revenue (FY20)	EBITDA (FY20)	PAT (FY20)	Debt
Vizag	13,098	3,129	3,059	1,518	7,840
Kala Amb	3,214	732	660	234	1,860
Parli	18,463	3,273	3,166	792	13,005
Warora	22,321	3,603	3,494	761	15,400
Jabalpur	15,295	2,506	2,483	484	11,830
Total	72,390	13,243	12,861	3,788	49,935

Source: Power Grid InvIT RHP, MOFSL

The InvIT plans to acquire the remaining 26% stake in the SPVs from PWGR after the lock-in period expiry

Exhibit 3: Lock-in and TSA end-date of five projects

Project	Commission date	26% equity lock-in expiry date	TSA end date
Vizag	1-Feb-17	1-Feb-22	31-Jan-52
Kala Amb	12-Jul-17	12-Jul-22	11-Jul-52
Parli	4-Jun-18	4-Jun-23	3-Jun-53
Warora	10-Jul-18	10-Jul-23	9-Jul-53
Jabalpur	1-Jan-19	1-Jan-24	24-Jun-53

Source: Power Grid InvIT RHP, MOFSL

Exhibit 4: Forecast cash flow from operations (CFO) for SPVs and InvIT (as per the offer document)

Projects	FY22F	FY23F	FY24F
Vizag	2,607	2,260	2,011
Kala Amb	650	615	565
Parli	3,085	3,081	3,078
Warora	3,435	3,432	3,429
Jabalpur	2,424	2,421	2,421
CFO at SPVs	12,202	11,808	11,504
CFO at InvIT	12,086	11,685	11,374

Source: Power Grid InvIT RHP, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: PWGR has another 16 TBCB-based SPVs with est. cost of INR187b; SPVs for additional ~INR50b of recent award wins yet to be taken over

	Proj. cost		FY20		
	Est.	Debt	Net worth	PAT	
	INR m	INR m	INR m	INR m	
NM Transmission	13,465	10,889	833	-295	
Unchahar Transmission	729	403	244	96	
Southern Interconnector	36,916	27,807	7,161	87	
Medinipur-Jeerat	29,728	21,111	2,893	0	
Mithilanchal Trans.	10,964	6,480	1,200	0	
Varanasi Trans.	8,848	5,363	1,250	0	
Jawaharpur Firozabad	4,459	2,113	0	0	
Khetri Transco	9,127	2,125	0	-3	
Bhind Guna Trans.	5,024	480	-6	1	
Ajmer Phagi	6,411	1,627	-3	-3	
Bhuj Transmission	10,173	830	0	0	
Fatehgarh-II	7,982	1,468	0	0	
Rampur Sambhal	7,123	151	-8	-7	
Meerut-Simbhavali	8,953	310	0	0	
Bikaner-II Bhiwadi	20,980	NA	NA	NA	
Ramgarh New	6,180	NA	NA	NA	
Total	187,062	81,157	13,564	-124	

Note: Rows highlighted are commissioned projects.

Source: MOFSL, CEA, Company

**Exhibit 6: Combined SPV Income Statement** 

INR m	FY18	FY19	FY20	9M-FY21
Revenue From Operations	3,436	9,772	13,243	9,923
Other Income	20	70	98	168
Total Income	3,456	9,841	13,341	10,091
Finance costs	1,158	3,281	4,291	2,910
Depreciation and amortization	932	2,750	3,794	1,392
Other expenses	81	330	382	312
Total expenses	2,171	6,361	8,467	4,614
Profit Before Tax	1,285	3,480	4,874	5,477
Tax expense:	144	1,000	1,086	2,105
Profit for the period	1,141	2,481	3,788	3,371

Source: Power Grid InvIT RHP, MOFSL

**Exhibit 7: Combined SPV Balance Sheet Statement** 

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INR m	FY18	FY19	FY20	9M-FY21
Assets				
Non-current assets				
Property, Plant and Equipment	17,787	66,153	63,219	61,994
Capital work-in-progress	45,293	87	-	22
Other Intangible assets	4	885	1,155	1,117
Intangible assets under development	187	-	-	-
Deferred tax Assets(Net)	193	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	412	55	41	620
	63,875	67,180	64,415	63,753
Current assets				
Inventories	109	210	310	310
Trade receivables	507	1,189	1,737	1,881
Cash and cash equivalents	170	27	399	541
Other current financial assets	339	1,306	1,260	1,405
Current Tax Assets (Net)	49	57	57	-
Other current assets	0	34	34	296
	1,174	2,823	3,797	4,432
Total Assets	65,049	70,003	68,212	68,185
Equity and Liabilities				
Equity				
Equity Share capital	4,423	9,987	12,007	12,130
Other Equity	712	2,196	3,330	2,751
	5,135	12,183	15,337	14,881
Liabilities				
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	52,367	53,369	44,293	47,507
Deferred tax liabilities(Net)	-	53	287	2,677
	52,367	53,422	44,580	50,185
Current liabilities				
Trade payables	1	4	9	87
Other current financial liabilities	7,388	4,305	8,268	2,998
Other current liabilities	157	53	15	31
Provisions	0	6	1	0
Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	1	31	1	2
	7,547	4,398	8,295	3,119
Total Equity and Liabilities	65,049	70,003	68,212	68,185
		Source: Po	wer Grid InvIT	RHP. MOFSI

Source: Power Grid InvIT RHP, MOFSL

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# **Financials and valuations**

Income statement								(INR m)
Y/E March	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Net Sales	206,521	257,039	299,415	325,323	394,269	411,061	441,851	461,355
Change (%)	17.0	24.5	16.5	8.7	21.2	4.3	7.5	4.4
Expenditure	23,940	30,467	36,296	48,386	48,033	46,076	48,769	52,507
EBITDA	182,581	226,572	263,119	276,937	346,236	364,985	393,081	408,849
% of Net Sales	88.4	88.1	87.9	85.1	87.8	88.8	89.0	88.6
Depreciation	61,818	77,223	92,310	105,410	116,070	125,875	134,957	142,343
Interest	50,862	62,036	73,241	87,366	95,090	95,276	97,024	97,121
Other Income	4,663	5,838	4,891	6,022	9,274	10,148	6,444	6,753
PBT before EO	74,563	93,153	102,459	90,184	144,350	153,982	167,545	176,138
EO income (expense)	0	0	0	0	0	-10,750	0	0
PBT after EO	74,563	93,153	102,459	90,184	144,350	143,232	167,545	176,138
Tax	16,129	20,063	21,955	-8,864	35,308	30,738	33,881	35,692
Rate (%)	21.6	21.5	21.4	-9.8	24.5	21.5	20.2	20.3
Reported PAT	58,434	73,090	80,504	99,047	109,043	112,495	133,664	140,446
Share of JVs and asso.	1,152	1,418	1,479	1,288	1,551	1,420	1,486	1,453
Adjusted PAT	59,586	74,507	86,513	100,335	110,594	124,664	135,149	141,898
Change (%)	17.1	25.0	16.1	16.0	10.2	12.7	8.4	5.0
Balance sheet								(INR m)
Y/E March	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Share Capital	52,316	52,316	52,316	52,316	52,316	52,316	52,316	52,316
Reserves	387,383	446,339	491,944	538,568	594,638	640,492	701,166	757,149
Net Worth	439,699	498,655	544,260	590,884	646,954	692,808	753,482	809,465
Loans	1,085,449	1,189,879	1,315,030	1,463,764	1,482,696	1,446,725	1,390,288	1,321,952
Deferred Rev. & tax	82,169	74,184	74,509	194,755	221,448	221,448	221,448	221,448
Capital Employed	1,607,318	1,762,718	1,933,798	2,249,403	2,351,098	2,360,981	2,365,218	2,352,865
Gross Fixed Assets	1,214,908	1,519,616	1,798,900	2,072,146	2,275,432	2,509,684	2,689,471	2,817,493
Less: Depreciation	63,965	142,837	236,914	344,750	464,311	590,186	725,142	867,486
Net Fixed Assets	1,150,942	1,376,779	1,561,986	1,727,396	1,811,121	1,919,498	1,964,329	1,950,008
Capital WIP	354,021	296,750	289,496	262,311	284,492	155,488	69,605	31,190
Investments	9,185	11,650	12,240	12,964	14,311	14,311	14,311	14,311
Other Assets	278,769	271,272	279,548	470,904	456,609	447,900	481,210	527,401
Inventory	109,163	94,963	97,683	126,472	81,617	81,964	82,289	83,261
Debtors	27,395	31,319	36,400	47,281	50,407	55,678	52,204	52,943
Cash & Bank Balance	22,434	33,536	21,890	43,367	54,390	26,267	49,443	79,186
Other Current Assets	82,260	71,952	85,246	154,238	155,906	169,592	182,903	196,359
Loans & Advances	37,518	39,501	38,329	99,547	114,289	114,400	114,372	115,653
Other Liabilities	185,600	193,732	209,468	224,173	215,434	176,217	164,236	170,045
Net Current Assets	93,170	77,539	70,080	246,731	241,174	271,684	316,974	357,356
Application of Funds	1,607,318	1,762,718	1,933,801	2,249,402	2,351,098	2,360,981	2,365,218	2,352,865

# **Financials and valuations**

Ratios								
Y/E March	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	11.4	14.2	16.5	19.2	21.1	23.8	25.8	27.1
Cash EPS	23.2	29.0	34.2	39.3	43.3	47.9	51.6	54.3
Book Value	84.0	95.3	104.0	112.9	123.7	132.4	144.0	154.7
DPS	2.1	2.5	5.8	8.6	10.0	13.0	14.2	16.4
Div.Payout (incl. Tax.)	0.0	21.0	44.2	54.5	54.1	59.8	60.6	66.7
Valuation (x)								
P/E	19.4	15.5	13.4	11.5	10.4	9.3	8.6	8.1
Cash P/E	9.5	7.6	6.5	5.6	5.1	4.6	4.3	4.1
EV/EBITDA	12.2	10.2	9.3	9.3	7.5	7.1	6.4	5.9
Price/Book Value	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
Dividend Yield (%)	1.0	1.1	2.6	3.9	4.5	5.9	6.4	7.4
Profitability Ratios (%)								
RoE	14.5	15.9	16.6	17.7	17.9	18.6	18.7	18.2
RoCE	6.5	7.2	7.5	9.3	7.9	8.3	8.9	9.2
RoIC	8.6	8.9	8.9	10.6	8.9	9.0	9.4	9.5
<b>Turnover Ratios</b>								
Debtors (Days)	48	44	44	53	47	49	43	42
Inventory (Days)	94	70	64	84	59	58	56	55
Current Liabilities (Days)	160	142	136	149	155	125	112	113

Cash flow statement								(INR m)
Y/E March	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
PBT before EO Items	75,597	94,369	103,938	84,531	149,465	153,982	167,545	176,138
Depreciation	61,818	77,223	92,310	105,410	116,070	125,875	134,957	142,343
Interest	50,862	62,036	73,241	87,366	95,090	95,276	97,024	97,121
Others	-4,730	-3,264	-3,616	33,927	-28,805	-20,898	-6,444	-6,753
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-19,310	4,495	-16,181	-54,619	4,271	-58,632	-22,114	-10,639
Direct Taxes Paid	-14,156	-18,714	-22,591	-22,808	-25,687	-30,738	-33,881	-35,692
CF from Operations	150,082	216,144	227,101	233,807	310,405	264,865	337,086	362,518
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-216,795	-239,244	-261,799	-224,507	-113,671	-105,248	-93,904	-89,608
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	1,030	495	4,784	36,137	3,249	11,568	7,930	8,206
CF from Investments	-215,765	-238,749	-257,015	-188,370	-110,423	-93,681	-85,974	-81,402
Equity raised	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants etc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Inc)/Dec in Debt	117,171	112,506	119,924	133,169	-17,317	-35,972	-56,437	-68,336
Interest Paid	-47,584	-57,000	-70,480	-102,924	-117,301	-95,276	-97,024	-97,121
Dividend Paid	-13,379	-15,921	-36,598	-54,554	-53,440	-68,060	-74,475	-85,916
CF from Fin. Activity	56,208	39,586	12,847	-24,308	-188,058	-199,308	-227,936	-251,372
Inc/Dec of Cash	-9,475	16,980	-17,067	21,129	11,924	-28,123	23,176	29,743
Add: Beginning Balance	31,909	16,556	38,957	22,237	42,466	54,390	26,267	49,443
Closing Balance	22,434	33,536	21,890	43,367	54,390	26,267	49,443	79,186

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