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Bloomberg	PWGR IN
Equity Shares (m)	9301
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	2652.5 / 30.3
52-Week Range (INR)	366 / 258
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-8/-15/-8
12M Avg Val (INR M)	5341

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E March	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	469.9	504.3	534.0
EBITDA	400.2	424.8	443.5
Adj. PAT	166.4	175.8	185.4
Adj. EPS (INR)	17.9	18.9	19.9
EPS Gr. (%)	6.8	5.7	5.5
BV/Sh.(INR)	101.1	108.3	113.0
Ratios			
Net D:E	1.2	1.1	1.0
RoE (%)	18.4	18.1	18.0
RoCE (%)	10.1	10.4	10.7
Payout (%)	50.3	52.9	67.7
Valuations			
P/E (x)	15.9	15.1	14.3
P/BV (x)	2.8	2.6	2.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.0	8.1	7.6
Div. Yield (%)	3.2	3.5	4.7
FCF Yield (%)	14.2	11.9	10.6

Shareholding pattern (%)

Dec-24	Sep-24	Dec-23
51.3	51.3	51.3
17.0	16.9	14.8
28.1	28.3	30.5
3.5	3.5	3.4
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FII Includes depository receipts

Power Grid Corporation of India

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TP: INR375 (+31%)

Buy

Rising capex needs weigh on dividend

Power Grid (PWGR)'s 3QFY25 reported standalone (SA) PAT was in line at INR38.9b (-2% YoY). On a consolidated basis, reported PAT was down 4% YoY at INR38.6b. In the earnings call: 1) FY25 capex guidance was raised to INR230b (from INR200b), 2) capex and capitalization for FY26 was guided at INR280-300b, while the same for FY27 was guided at INR350b, 3) management guided that the dividend payout may see some moderation given mounting capex. Of the current order book of INR1.43t, ~33% is attributable to RTM projects, where the company earns a healthy 15% ROE.
Following the 3QFY25 results, we moderate our DPS estimates to INR9/INR10/ INR13.5 for FY25/FY26/FY27. PWGR has declared a second interim dividend of INR3.25 per share for FY25. We reiterate our BUY rating on the stock with a TP of INR375 based on 3.4x Dec-26 BVPS.

Soft quarter amid higher-than-expected opex Standalone performance:

- PWGR reported SA revenue of INR101b (-5% YoY) in 3QFY25, 11% below our estimate of INR114b. EBITDA came in at INR85b (-9% YoY), ~14% below our est. of INR99b, hit by a sharp rise in other expenses. The EBITDA miss vs. our estimate was largely attributable to higher other expenses.
- The reported SA PAT was in line with our est. and stood at INR39b, aided by higher other income (partly attributable to the gain on the monetization of the remaining stake in some InvIT assets). Adjusted SA PAT of INR38.5b was flat on a YoY basis, and 3% below our est. of INR39.6b.
- The net movement in regulatory deferral account balances was positive at INR0.4b during the quarter.

Consolidated performance:

- On a consolidated basis, reported PAT came in at INR38.6b (-4% YoY), while EBITDA declined 7% YoY to INR95.8b.
- The transmission segment remained the primary revenue driver, contributing 97.45% of consolidated EBIT at INR65.4b, while the telecom segment contributed 2%, with EBIT of INR1.2b, marking a 101% YoY growth.
- In 3QFY25, its JVs reported a loss of INR51m, significantly improving from INR1,046m loss in 2QFY25.

Key announcements:

- The Board declared a second interim dividend of INR3.25/share for FY25 (Record date: 7th Feb'25).
- Additionally, the Board approved an investment of INR3.7b for the 400kV Vindhyachal PS – Sasan D/C Line at Hindalco Switchyard, scheduled for commissioning by Dec'26.

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Highlights of the 3QFY25 performance:

Operational performance and financials

- The company added 1,399ckm of transmission lines and 9,185MVA of transformation capacity.
- The transmission system had an availability rate of 99.8% in 9MFY25, reflecting high operational efficiency.
- For 9MFY25, the reliability rate was 0.24 trippings per line.
- On a standalone basis, the average borrowing cost was 7.54%.
- The telecom division successfully added 12 new customers during the quarter and reported an income of INR2.3b.

Project wins and capex outlook

- PWGR emerged as the L1 bidder in 7 ISTS TBCB projects (levelized tariff of INR20.7b) in 3QFY25.
- On a consol. basis, capex was INR76.4b, and capitalization was INR34b in 3Q.
- The company capitalized INR16.8b on a consolidated basis and INR8.2b on a standalone basis.
- For FY25, management guided capex of INR 230b (RTM: INR 39b, TBCB: INR 142b, Others: INR 48.7b) with capitalization ~INR 180b. For FY26, capex is projected at INR 280-300b and capitalization at INR 250b, with both reaching INR 350b in FY27. Work in hand: INR 1.43t.

Future growth and dividend outlook

- Dividend Outlook: The dividend for FY25 is expected to be INR9/share, lower than the previous period due to the need to allocate funds for capital expenditure.
- Currently, ~INR520b worth of projects are under bidding. Assuming a project win rate of ~50%, ~INR250-270b worth of projects are likely to be won by PWGR, in addition to the current work in hand of INR1.43t. This would take the total value of projects to INR1.7t.

Valuation and view

We derive our TP of INR375 for PWGR based on Dec'26E BVPS and a P/B multiple of 3.4x, which we believe is reasonable given that capex and capitalization are on a multi-year uptrend with the order book at an elevated level.

Standalone Quarterly Performan	nce													(INRb)
Y/E March		FY	24			FY2	5E		FY24	FY25E	FY25E	Var.	YoY	QoQ
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE	-		3QE	%	%	%
Sales	102.4	97.4	106.8	110.5	100.7	102.6	101.2	108.2	418.3	412.7	114.3	-11%	-5%	-1%
YoY Change (%)	-2.7	-6.6	-0.6	-2.2	-1.7	5.3	-5.2	-2.1	-2.5	-1.3	7.1			
EBITDA	90.0	85.3	94.0	91.4	87.4	87.9	85.2	90.7	361.9	351.3	99.0	-14%	-9%	-3%
YoY Change (%)	1.4	-3.5	0.2	-9.0	-2.9	3.0	-9.3	-0.7	-2.8	-2.9	5.3			
As of % Sales	87.9	87.6	88.0	82.7	86.8	85.6	84.2	83.9	86.5	85.1	86.5			
Depreciation	31.4	31.4	31.6	31.2	30.7	31.6	30.7	32.4	125.6	125.5	36.7	-16%	-3%	-3%
Interest	21.2	23.9	25.2	20.2	21.6	26.0	21.3	14.8	90.5	83.7	23.5	-9%	-15%	-18%
Other Income	6.4	7.9	7.9	12.0	7.8	11.2	14.9	8.4	34.2	42.4	9.2	62%	88%	33%
Extraordinary Inc/ (Exp)	-2.9	5.6	1.1	-1.7	-0.6	2.5	0.4	0.0	2.1	2.3	0.0			
PBT	41.0	43.4	46.3	50.3	42.3	43.9	48.5	52.0	182.2	186.8	48.0	1%	5%	11%
Тах	5.6	5.1	6.6	9.1	8.2	6.8	9.6	9.1	26.3	33.7	8.3	15%	46%	41%
Effective Tax Rate (%)	13.6	11.7	14.2	18.0	19.4	15.5	19.8	17.5	14.4	18.0	17.4			
Reported PAT	35.4	38.3	39.7	41.3	34.1	37.1	38.9	42.9	154.7	153.1	39.6	-2%	-2%	5%
YoY Change (%)	-5.9	6.5	14.5	-0.9	-3.7	-3.2	-1.9	3.9	2.3	-1.1	-0.2			
Adjusted PAT	37.9	33.4	38.7	42.7	34.6	35.0	38.6	42.9	152.8	151.1	39.6	-3%	0%	10%
YoY Change (%)	0.6	-7.1	11.7	2.5	-8.7	4.8	-0.4	0.5	1.0	-1.1	2.3			

PWGR's valuation		
Dec-26 BVPS	INR	112
P/B multiple	(x)	3.4
Target Price	INR	375
CMP	INR	285
Upside / (Downside)	%	31%

Highlights from the analyst meet

- Recent project wins:
- PWGR emerged as the L1 bidder in 7 ISTS TBCB projects (levelized tariff INR20.7b) in 3QFY25 and INR80b in 9MFY25.
- Have a share of 50% of annual tariff and 58% and 57% of NCT cost and project wins, respectively.
- Project execution and financial performance in 3QFY25:
- In 3QFY25, on a consol. basis, capex was INR76.4b, and capitalization was INR34b.
- About 1,399ckm of transmission lines and 9,185MVA transformation capacity added.
- > Transmission system availability: 99.8%. in 9MFY25.
- Reliability: 0.24 trippings per line in 9MFY25.
- > Average Borrowing Cost: 7.54% on a standalone basis in 3QFY25.
- > Debt stood at INR1,292b and Debt:Equity was 59:41
- Telecom division highlights:
- > Customer Growth: Added 12 new customers.
- Financial Performance: Income for 3QFY25 was INR2.3b.
- 9MFY25 income rose by 22% to INR7.2b from INR5.9b in 9MFY24.
- > PowerTel received its first ILD Order.
- Capex guidance and work in hand:
- FY25 Capex Plan: INR230b with INR39b allocated to RTM projects, INR142b allocated to TBCB projects, and INR48.7b to other projects. Capitalization for FY25 should be ~180b.
- INR280-300b capex and 250b capitalization projection for FY26 and capex and capitalization of INR350b for FY27.
- Work in hand: INR1.43t, including INR936.8b for TBCB projects, INR83.3b for ongoing RTM projects, INR385.6b for new RTM projects, and INR31.6b for other projects. Additionally, PWGR won an INR35b transmission project in Karnataka today.
- Growth outlook:
- Growth in the transmission network is attributable to the government's goal of 500 GW in non-fossil capacity + supporting the Green Hydrogen mission which requires 125 GW of renewable energy, necessitating additional connectivity requirements.
- One Sun One Grid Initiative: The possibility of international interconnections is a growth driver for PWGR.
- With the central government adjusting its transmission capex estimate to INR9.16t till FY32 as per NEP 2032, PWGR is strategically positioned to leverage these investments as the NEP represents a significant commitment to capacity expansion and the advancement of clean energy technologies.
- Projects under bidding and dividend:
- Currently, ~INR520b worth of projects are under bidding. Assuming a project win rate of ~50%, ~INR250-270b worth of projects are likely to be won by

PWGR, in addition to the current work in hand of INR1.43t. This would take the total value of projects to INR1.7t.

- Dividend Outlook: The dividend for FY25 is expected to be INR9/share, lower than the previous period due to the need to allocate funds for capital expenditure.
- Other Highlights
- First in India: Implementation of Dynamic Line Loading on the 400 kV D/C Madurai-Tuticorin line. Implementation of E-Vegetation Management initiated on six high vegetation-prone transmission lines in the North Eastern Region.
- Green loan: USD200m agreement signed with Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) to fund PWGR's RE projects.
- PWGR was granted a patent by the Indian Patent Office for "System and method for health assessment of transformers/reactors."

Exhibit 1: Emerged L1 bidder in seven ISTS TBCB projects during 3QFY25:

Sr. No.Particulars

1 TS for evacuation of power from Rajasthan REZ Ph IV (Part 3: 6GW) (Bikaner Complex	x): Part A
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2 TS for evacuation of power from Rajasthan REZ PhIV (Part 3: 6GW) (Bikaner Complex): Part B

- 3 TS under ISTS for evacuation of power from Kudankulam Unit 3 & 4 (2x1000 MW)
- 4 TS for evacuation of power from Rajasthan REZ Ph-IV (Part-4: 3.5 GW): Part A
- 5 System strengthening at Koppal-II and Gadag-II for integration of renewable energy generation projects
- 6 Augmentation of transformation capacity at KPS1 (GIS) and KPS2 (GIS) (Phase-V Part B1 and Part B2 scheme)
- 7 Augmentation of transformation capacity by 3x500 MVA, 400/220kV ICTs (6th 8th) and 1x1500 MVA, 765/400kV ICT (4th) at Bidar PS

Source: Company, MOFSL

Story in charts – 3QFY25



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Exhibit 4: Consol. capex and capitalization



Exhibit 5: Consol. EBITDA



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Financials and valuations

Consolidated Income Statement					(INR m)
Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	4,58,517	4,52,717	4,69,928	5,04,286	5,34,041
Change (%)	11.6	-1.3	3.8	7.3	5.9
Expenditure	61,032	59,402	69,747	79,481	90,499
Gross Profit	4,58,517	4,52,717	4,69,928	5,04,286	5,34,041
EBITDA	3,97,485	3,93,315	4,00,181	4,24,806	4,43,543
% of Net Sales	86.7	86.9	85.2	84.2	83.1
Depreciation	1,33,334	1,30,953	1,32,336	1,43,772	1,52,810
Interest	96,339	87,728	80,992	80,693	79,807
Other Income	10,025	10,700	18,836	20,118	21,464
PBT before EO	1,77,837	1,85,335	2,05,689	2,20,460	2,32,390
EO income (expense)	0	0	2,300	0	0
PBT after EO	1,77,837	1,85,335	2,07,989	2,20,460	2,32,390
Тах	22,819	29,408	38,561	43,459	45,800
Rate (%)	12.8	15.9	18.5	19.7	19.7
Share of JVs and asso.	-821	-196	-1,200	-1,200	-1,200
Reported PAT	1,54,197	1,55,732	1,68,228	1,75,800	1,85,390
Adjusted PAT	1,54,197	1,55,732	1,66,355	1,75,800	1,85,390
Change (%)	10.3	1.0	6.8	5.7	5.5
Balance Sheet Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	(INR m) FY27E
Share Capital	69,755	93,006	93,006	93,006	93,006
Reserves	7,60,391	7,77,480	8,46,854	9,14,163	9,57,854
Net Worth	8,30,145	8,70,486	9,39,860	10,07,169	10,50,860
Loans	12,65,949	12,34,486	11,69,679	11,22,387	10,93,909
Deferred Rev. & tax	2,08,424	1,94,910	1,94,910	1,94,910	1,94,910
Capital Employed	23,04,518	22,99,882	23,04,449	23,24,466	23,39,679
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Gross Fixed Assets	27,01,123	27,71,367	30,66,367	33,08,867	36,06,867
Less: Depreciation	8,46,753	9,72,767	10,98,230	12,33,397	13,75,616
Net Fixed Assets	18,54,370	17,98,600	19,68,137	20,75,469	22,31,251
Capital WIP	1,37,723	1,72,453	63,324	72,051	41,221
Investments	34,891	54,159	54,159	54,159	54,159
Other Assets	4,75,971	5,24,023	6,78,294	7,77,343	8,36,030
Inventory	13,400	13,201	13,136	12,995	13,800
Debtors	1,36,945	1,17,262	1,17,262	1,15,778	1,22,805
Cash & Bank Balance	73,846	76,769	2,21,770	3,11,577	3,51,475
Other Current Assets	1,33,195	2,04,457	2,12,366	2,20,472	2,28,782
Loans & Advances	1,18,585	1,12,334	1,13,759	1,16,521	1,19,168
Other Liabilities	1,98,438	2,49,352	4,59,464	6,54,556	8,22,982
Net Current Assets	2,77,534	2,74,672	2,18,830	1,22,787	13,049
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Application of Funds

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Financials and valuations

Ratios					
Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Basic (INR)					
EPS	16.6	16.7	17.9	18.9	19.9
Cash EPS	30.9	30.8	32.1	34.4	36.4
Book Value	89.3	93.6	101.1	108.3	113.0
DPS	11.1	11.3	9.0	10.0	13.5
Div. Payout (incl. Tax.)	66.7	67.2	50.3	52.9	67.7
Valuation (x)					
P/E	17.2	17.0	15.9	15.1	14.3
Cash P/E	9.2	9.3	8.9	8.3	7.8
EV/EBITDA	9.7	9.7	9.0	8.1	7.6
Price/Book Value	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5
Dividend Yield (%)	3.9	3.9	3.2	3.5	4.7
Profitability Ratios (%)					
RoE	19.4	18.3	18.4	18.1	18.0
RoCE	10.3	10.0	10.1	10.4	10.7
RoIC	11.1	10.9	11.0	11.7	12.4
Turnover Ratios					
Debtors (Days)	109	95	91	84	84
Inventory (Days)	9	9	7	6	6
Current Liabilities (Days)	134	161	256	316	375
Asset Turnover (x)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Leverage Ratio					
Net Debt/EBITDA	3.0	2.9	2.4	1.9	1.7
Debt/Equity (x)	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0

Cash Flow Statement					(INR m)
Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT before EO Items	1,74,531	1,90,853	2,05,689	2,20,460	2,32,390
Depreciation	1,33,334	1,30,953	1,32,336	1,43,772	1,52,810
Interest	96,339	87,728	80,992	80,693	79,807
Others	869	-13,363	-18,836	-20,118	-21,464
(Inc)/Dec in WC	25,486	10,532	2,00,843	1,85,849	1,49,637
Direct Taxes Paid	-28,530	-33,807	-38,561	-43,459	-45,800
CF from Operations	4,02,029	3,72,895	5,62,463	5,67,195	5,47,380
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-82,426	-1,14,037	-1,85,871	-2,51,227	-2,67,170
FCF	3,19,602	2,58,858	3,76,592	3,15,969	2,80,210
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	11,044	-17,107	17,636	18,918	20,264
CF from Investments	-71,383	-1,31,144	-1,68,235	-2,32,309	-2,46,906
Others	-2,787	20,205	-19,722	-24,089	-26,733
(Inc)/Dec in Debt	-1,32,578	-53,168	-64,808	-47,292	-28,477
Interest Paid	-86,468	-93,677	-80,992	-80,693	-79,807
Dividend Paid	-85,449	-1,12,189	-83,705	-93,006	-1,25,558
CF from Fin. Activity	-3,07,282	-2,38,828	-2,49,227	-2,45,080	-2,60,576
Inc/Dec of Cash	23,364	2,923	1,45,001	89,807	39,898
Add: Beginning Balance	50,482	73,846	76,769	2,21,770	3,11,577
Closing Balance	73,846	76,769	2,21,770	3,11,577	3,51,475

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