# **Power Grid Corporation**

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Subdued Q3 5 February 2025

Power Grid Corporation of India (PWGR IN) Q3FY25 revenue declined 3% YoY to INR 112bn, with EBITDA falling 7% YoY and margin contracting to 85% from 91% YoY. While Other income surged 89% YoY to INR 5bn, regulatory income dropped 62% YoY to INR 425mn. PBT grew 4% YoY to INR 49bn, but higher taxes, up 38% YoY, led to a 4% YoY decline in PAT to INR 39bn. The company has set a capex target of INR 230bn and a capitalization goal of INR 180bn for FY25, with significant allocation for regulated and tariff based competitive bidding projects. In Q3FY25, it achieved a capitalization of ~INR 34.2bn, up 92% YoY, and incurred a capex of ~INR 76.5bn, up 122% YoY. Work-in-hand projects increased to INR 1,437bn, including regulated and TBCB projects while gross fixed assets stood at INR 2,888bn with INR 296bn in capital work in progress. We reiterate **Buy** with a lower TP of INR 356.

**Top line declines 3% YoY, PAT down 4% YoY:** PWGR reported a 3% YoY decline in revenue to INR 112bn. EBITDA fell 7% YoY to INR 95bn. EBITDA margin contracted to 85% in Q3FY25 vs 91% YoY in Q3FY24.Other income increased 89% YoY to INR 5bn. PBT rose 4% YoY to INR 49bn. Tax surged 38% YoY to INR 11bn. Regulatory income fell 62% YoY to INR 425mn. Reported PAT dropped by 4% YoY to INR 39bn.

Capex and capitalization target for FY27: PWGR has set a capex and capitalization target of INR 230bn and INR 180bn, respectively, in FY25. Of total capex target of INR 230bn, INR 39bn is earmarked for RTM projects and INR 142bn for TBCB projects. It has achieved a consolidated capitalization of ~INR 34.2bn in Q3FY25, up 92% YoY. It has incurred a capex of ~INR 76.5bn in Q3FY25, up 122% YoY.

**Work-in-hand projects:** Work-in-hand rose to INR 1,437bn, including ongoing regulated projects worth INR 83bn, new regulated projects at INR 385bn and TBCB projects at INR 936bn. Gross fixed assets stood at INR 2,888bn and capital work in progress at INR 296bn.

Retain Buy with a lower TP of INR 356: PWGR is a play on growing investment in the power sector. The company has set an ambitious capex target of INR 3tn until FY32. We believe it will hold a huge market share in the upcoming TBCB projects. We retain Buy with a lower TP of INR 356 from INR 384, valuing regulated projects at 3.0x (unchanged) FY27E P/B, consultancy projects at 10x (unchanged) FY27E P/E and TBCB projects at 3.0x (unchanged) FY27E P/B. We revise down our TP on account of the delay in project commissioning

**Key financials** 

YE March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (INR mn)	458,517	452,717	461,680	505,949	532,446
YoY (%)	13.9	(1.3)	2.0	9.6	5.2
EBITDA (INR mn)	397,485	393,315	402,109	443,284	468,396
EBITDA margin (%)	86.7	86.9	87.1	87.6	88.0
Adj PAT (INR mn)	154,197	155,732	158,874	174,788	175,276
YoY (%)	14.2	1.0	2.0	10.0	0.3
Fully DEPS (INR)	22.1	16.7	17.1	18.8	18.8
RoE (%)	15.2	15.4	14.2	14.0	14.7
RoCE (%)	11.8	11.6	11.8	12.4	12.3
P/E (x)	12.9	17.0	16.7	15.2	15.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.0	9.6	9.5	8.8	8.6

Note: Pricing as on 5 February 2025; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Rating: Buy

Target Price: INR 356

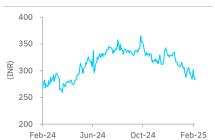
Upside: 25% CMP: INR 285

As on 5 February 2025

Key data	
Bloomberg	PWGR IN
Reuters Code	PGRD.NS
Shares outstanding (mn)	9301
Market cap (INR bn/USD mn)	2653/30335
Enterprise Value (INR bn/USD mn)	3789/43317
Avg daily volume 3M (INR mn/USD mn)	4476/51
52 week high/low	366/258
Free float (%)	49

Note: as on 5 February 2025; Source: Bloomberg

#### Price chart



Source: Bloomberg

Source: BSE

Shareholding (%)	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25
Promoter	51.3	51.3	51.3	51.3
% Pledged	-	-	-	-
FII	29.8	28.7	28.3	28.1
DII	15.4	16.4	17.0	17.2
Others	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4

Price performance (%)	3M	6M	12M
Nifty	(2.1)	(1.5)	8.8
Power Grid Corporation	(9.9)	(16.8)	0.8
NSE Midcap	(3.4)	(3.0)	11.9
NSE Smallcap	(7.5)	(4.6)	4.8

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## Financials (YE March)

Income Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues (LHS)	458,517	452,717	461,680	505,949	532,446
EBITDA	397,485	393,315	402,109	443,284	468,396
OPBIDTA	397,485	393,315	402,109	443,284	468,396
Less :- Depreciation & Amortization	133,334	130,953	133,076	144,326	152,962
EBIT	264,152	262,362	269,033	298,957	315,434
Less:- Interest Expenses	96,339	87,728	92,624	109,022	125,785
РВТ	167,812	174,635	176,409	189,935	189,649
Less :- Taxes	22,819	29,408	34,727	33,164	33,257
Adjusted PAT (LHS)	154,197	155,732	158,874	174,788	175,276
Reported PAT	154,197	155,732	158,874	174,788	175,276
Balance Sheet (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Share Capital	69,755	93,006	93,006	93,006	93,006
Reserves	760,508	778,445	825,432	877,193	929,100
Borrowings	1,285,175	1,234,486	1,328,493	1,402,465	1,540,391
Other liabilities	252,906	242,576	242,576	242,576	242,576
Total Liabilities	2,368,344	2,348,514	2,489,507	2,615,240	2,805,073
Gross Block	2,701,075	2,777,255	2,957,255	3,207,255	3,557,255
Less:- Accumulated Depreciation	863,301	1,015,030	1,110,734	1,255,061	1,408,023
Net Block	1,837,774	1,762,225	1,846,521	1,952,194	2,149,232
Add:- Capital work in progress	137,412	180,817	230,817	230,817	230,817
Investments	34,891	41,632	41,632	41,632	41,632
Net Working Capital	284,421	288,888	272,536	299,462	315,577
Other Assets	73,846	74,951	98,002	91,135	67,815
Total Assets	2,368,344	2,348,514	2,489,507	2,615,240	2,805,073
Cash Flow Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash profit adjusted for non-cash items	407,511	404,015	418,626	460,626	486,605
Add/Less : Working Capital Changes	(54,028)	(14,797)	16,353	(26,926)	(16,116)
Operating Cash Flow	353,483	389,218	434,978	433,700	470,490
Less:- Capex	71,078	32,144	(134,296)	(105,674)	(197,038)
Free Cash Flow	424,561	421,362	300,682	328,026	273,452
Financing Cash Flow	(260,705)	(224,177)	(109,829)	(157,403)	(110,552)
Investing Cash Flow	71,078	(98,809)	(267,372)	(250,000)	(350,000)
Net change in Cash	163,856	66,232	57,777	26,297	9,938
Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Income Statement Ratios (%)					
Revenue Growth	13.9	(1.3)	2.0	9.6	5.2
EBITDA Growth	10.3	(1.0)	2.2	10.2	5.7
PAT Growth (RHS)	14.2	1.0	2.0	10.0	0.3
EBITDA Margin (RHS)	86.7	86.9	87.1	87.6	88.0
Net Margin	33.6	34.4	34.4	34.5	32.9
Return & Liquidity Ratios					
Net Debt/Equity (x)	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
ROE (%)	15.2	15.4	14.2	14.0	14.7
ROCE (%)	11.8	11.6	11.8	12.4	12.3
Per Share data & Valuation Ratios					
Diluted EPS (INR/Share)	22.1	16.7	17.1	18.8	18.8
EPS Growth (%)	14.2	(24.3)	2.0	10.0	0.3
DPS (INR/Share)	14.8	11.7	12.0	13.2	13.2
P/E Ratio (x)	12.9	17.0	16.7	15.2	15.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.0	9.6	9.5	8.8	8.6
EV/Sales (x)	7.1	8.6	8.6	8.0	7.9
Price/Book (x)	2.4	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6
Dividend Yield (%)	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.6

Note: Pricing as on 5 February 2025; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Revenue CAGR of 6% during FY24-27E, led by addition of TBCB projects



#### **Quarterly financials**

(INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY25E	Variance (%)
Net sales from operations	112,330	115,498	(2.7)	112,778	(0.4)	120,501	(6.8)
Total Expenses	16,951	13,369	26.8	15,764	7.5	13,904	21.9
Employee benefit Expenses	5,967	6,080	(1.9)	6,209	(3.9)	6,323	(5.6)
Other Expenses	10,983	7,289	50.7	9,555	14.9	7,581	44.9
EBITDA	95,380	102,129	(6.6)	97,013	(1.7)	106,598	(10.5)
Depreciation	32,162	32,935	(2.3)	32,921	(2.3)	32,921	
EBIT	68,318	71,893	(5.0)	69,774	(2.1)	77,177	(11.5)
Interest	19,174	24,461	(21.6)	24,411	(21.5)	24,411	
Other Income	5,100	2,699	89.0	5,682	(10.2)	3,500	45.7
Pre-exceptional Profit	49,093	47,053	4.3	44,317	10.8	52,766	(7.0)
PBT	49,093	47,053	4.3	44,317	10.8	52,766	(7.0)
Provision for tax (including deferred tax)	10,902	7,875	38.4	8,845	23.3	10,553	3.3
Net movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances-	425	1,105	(61.6)	2,458	(82.7)	0	
Reported PAT	38,616	40,283	(4.1)	37,930	1.8	42,213	(8.5)

Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

#### Q3FY25 conference call highlights

- It emerged L1 bidder in seven Inter state transmission bidding TBCB projects in Q3FY25 with a levelized tariff of ~INR 20.8bn
- It commissioned 1,399ckm transmission lines and 9,185 MVA transformation capacity in Q3FY25
- ▶ It won projects worth ~INR 198.3bn in Q3FY25, ~INR 639.1bn in 9MFY25 and INR 520bn is currently under bidding
- ▶ Its regulated equity stands at INR 820-830bn in RTM projects

**Exhibit 1: Valuation** 

Regulated Equity RTM projects FY27E (INR mn)	918600
P/B (x)	3.0
PAT consultancy FY27E (INR mn)	3,199
P/E (x)	10.0
PAT Telecom FY27E (INR mn)	4,402
P/E (x)	10.0
Equity in TBCB Projects FY27E (INR mn)	156317
P/B (x)	3.0
Option Value NEP Opportunity y(INR)	36
TP (INR)	356
CMP (INR)	285
Upside (%)	25.0

Note: pricing as on 5 January 2025; Source: Elara Securities Estimate

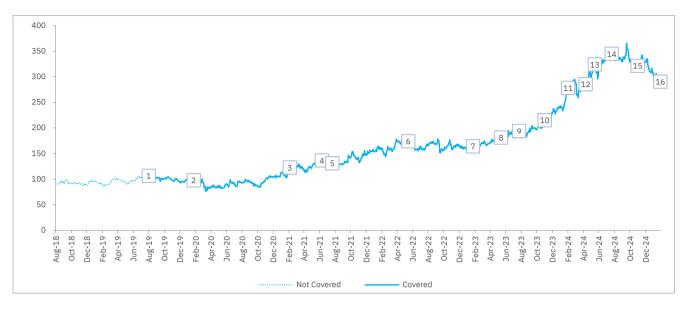
**Exhibit 2: Change in estimates** 

(INR mn)	Earlier				Revised			% Change		
	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	
Sales	487,562	545,558	583,961	461,680	505,949	532,446	(5.3)	(7.3)	(8.8)	
EBITDA	415,621	468,874	503,251	402,109	443,284	468,396	(3.3)	(5.5)	(6.9)	
PAT	165,951	192,366	204,461	158,874	174,788	175,276	(4.3)	(9.1)	(14.3)	
TP (INR)			384			356			(7)	

Source: Elara Securities Estimate



### **Coverage History**



	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
7	1-Feb-2023	Accumulate	INR 240	INR 217
8	22-May-2023	Accumulate	INR 248	INR 234
9	1-Aug-2023	Reduce	INR 248	INR 252
	12-Sep-2023*	Reduce	INR 186	INR 252
10	19-Nov-2023	Reduce	INR 201	INR 210
11	9-Feb-2024	Reduce	INR 263	INR 273
12	18-Apr-2024	Reduce	INR 291	INR 280
13	24-May-2024	Accumulate	INR 344	INR 319
14	29-Jul-2024	Accumulate	INR 384	INR 342
15	8-Nov-2024	Buy	INR 384	INR 315
16	5-Feb-2025	Buy	INR 356	INR 285

<sup>\*</sup>Bonus 1:3

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BUY Absolute Return >+20%

ACCUMULATE Absolute Return +5% to +20%

REDUCE Absolute Return -5% to +5%

SELL Absolute Return < -5%



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