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### Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited

### October 04, 2024

Ratings					
Instrument	Amount	Current	Previous	Rating	<b>Complexity</b>
/ Facility	(Rs. crore)	Ratings	Ratings	Action	<b>Indicator</b>
Long Term Bank Facilities	4888.14	IVR BBB- /Stable (IVR Triple B with Stable	IVR BBB- /Stable (IVR Triple B with Stable	Reaffirmed	Simple
		Outlook)	Outlook)		
Short Term Bank Facilities	7.00	IVR A3 (IVR A Three)	IVR A3 (IVR A Three)	Reaffirmed	Simple
NCD	541.00	IVR A- (CE)#/Stable (IVR Single A Minus [Credit Enhancement] with Stable Outlook) *	IVR A- (CE)#/Stable (IVR Single A Minus [Credit Enhancement] with Stable Outlook) *	Reaffirmed	Complex
Bonds	324.81	IVR A- (CE)#/Stable (IVR Single A Minus [Credit Enhancement] with Stable Outlook) *	IVR A- (CE)#/Stable (IVR Single A Minus [Credit Enhancement] with Stable Outlook) *	Reaffirmed	Complex
Total	5760.95	Rupees Five T	housand Seven H	-	Crore and
			Ninety-Five Lak	hs Only	

\*Credit enhancement (CE) rating based on Enforceable, Unconditional and Irrevocable Guarantee" provided by the Government of Rajasthan.

Particulars	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings
Unsupported Rating#	IVR BBB-/Stable (IVR Triple B	IVR BBB-/Stable (IVR Triple B
	Minus with Stable Outlook)	Minus with Stable Outlook)

Note: Unsupported rating does not factor in the explicit credit enhancement.

Details of Facilities/Instrument are in Annexure 1

Facility wise lender details are at Annexure 2

Detailed explanation of covenants is at Annexure 3

#### **Detailed Rationale**

Infomerics Valuation and Rating Private Limited (IVR) has reaffirmed long term rating to IVR BBB-/Stable and short-term rating to IVR A3 for the bank loan facilities and non-convertible debentures (NCD)/Bonds to IVR A- (CE)/Stable of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam





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Limited (RRVPNL). The rating continues to draw comfort from the wholly owned by Government of Rajasthan (GoR), established track record of operations and experienced management, satisfactory financial risk profile, comfortable financial profile of GoR and maintenance of government securities by GoR. However, these strengths are partially offset by high receivable levels, high gearing and decline in tangible networth and highly capital-intensive nature of operations.

The 'Stable' outlook indicates utilities nature of business with assured offtake from state discoms.

IVR has principally relied on the standalone audited financial results of RRVPNL upto 31 March 2024 (refers to period April 1st, 2023, to March 31, 2024), and projected financials for FY2025, FY2026 and FY2027, and publicly available information/ clarifications provided by the company's management.

#### Key Rating Sensitivities:

#### **Upward Factors**

- Substantial improvement in credit profile of the off taker along with timely realization of receivables on sustained basis
- Improvement in overall operational performance and debt protection metrics

#### **Downward Factors**

- Weakening of credit profile off-taker resulting in an elongated collection period
- Deterioration in operational performance, debt protection metrics and overall gearing

#### Adequacy of credit enhancement structure:

For reaffirming the rating, Infomerics has assessed the attributes of the guarantee issued by GoR in favour of the rated bonds/NCD. The guarantee is legally enforceable, irrevocable and unconditional. Further, a trustee-monitored payment mechanism is in place to ensure timely payment of the interest and principal obligation. The support from GoR results in an enhancement in the rating of the said instrument to IVR A- (CE)/ Stable against the unsupported rating of IVR BBB-/ Stable.

#### Transaction Structure

The transaction structure to ensure a timely payment under the credit enhancement is as follows:

Trigger Date	Action Point
	RRVPNL shall furnish to the trustees a certificate
	from State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur (SBBJ)
T-10	confirming the availability of adequate funds in the

Payment structure for bonds amounting to Rs. 324.81 crore

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	Designated Account (DIP)/ (DPP) for servicing of the bonds/ interest and/ or outstanding in relation thereto. In the event, there are inadequate funds in the Designated Account available for payment, or if the Trustees are otherwise satisfied, having regard to the circumstance pertaining to the RRVPNL that it would not be in a position to fully pay and/ or discharge obligations, the Trustees shall be entitled to call upon GOR to transfer amounts required by the RRVPNL for servicing the obligations in respect of the Bonds
	GOR shall transfer the requisite funds in the Designated Account (s) and the RRVPNL shall furnish to the Trustees a certificate from SBBJ
T-5	confirming the deposit of amounts by GOR.

"T" refers to the due date for interest payment/principal repayment

Infomerics will consider T-10 as its legal final maturity for the purpose of recognition of default.

Payment structure for NCD amounting to Rs. 541 crore

Trigger Date	Action Point
	The Trustee shall ascertain whether there are
	adequate funds in the Designated Escrow Account
	to make payments to the Bond Holder (s) on the
	respective due dates. In case the designated
	Escrow Account is not funded adequately by the
	Company, an Event of Default occurs, the Trustee
	shall forthwith invoke the Guarantee by sending a
T-4	written Notice to GOR
	GOR shall transfer the requisite funds into the
T-2	Designated Escrow Account

"T" refers to the due date for interest payment/principal repayment

Infomerics will consider T-4 as its legal final maturity for the purpose of recognition of default.

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

#### Key Rating Strengths

• Wholly owned by Government of Rajasthan:

RRVPNL is wholly owned by Government of Rajasthan (GoR). Considering the strategic importance of power sector to the state government, it has extended support in the past which is likely to continue in future too.

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#### • Established track record of operations and experienced management:

The company commenced its operations in July 2000 and has a successful track record of more than two decades in the existing line of business. Overall activities of RRVPNL are managed by GoR nominated administrators and professionals with several decades of experience in power industry. They are ably supported by qualified and well experienced management team.

#### • Satisfactory financial risk profile:

In terms of the debt coverage indicators, the interest service coverage ratio (ISCR) and the debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) remained satisfactory at 2.83x and 1.38x respectively in FY2024. The total operating income (TOI) improved by ~25.57% to Rs. 4,574.76 crore in FY2024 from Rs. 3,643.30 crore in FY2023.

#### • Comfortable financial profile of Government of Rajasthan:

The budget 2023-24 (R.E.) of the State was presented with budget surplus of Rs. 28.41 crore. This indicates that it has been able to manage the state finances in a better manner than its peer states. Also, the fiscal deficit as percentage of GSDP of Rajasthan stood at 4.00% was lower than that of the national average. For the financial year 2023-24 (R.E) total receipts (excluding borrowing) stood at Rs. 2,37,672 crore.

#### • Maintenance of government securities by GoR

The state government maintains government securities (GS) and auction treasury bills (ATB) with RBI. As on January 31, 2024, the corpus of Rajasthan state in GS and ATB stood at Rs. 129.00 crore and Rs. 8,000 crore respectively.

#### Key Rating Weaknesses

#### • High receivable levels

RRVPNL has been discharging wheeling of power and transmission of electricity to Rajasthan discoms namely AVVNL, JVVNL and JDVVNL. It has continued to report high outstanding receivables levels in last three years. Weak credit profile of these discoms also restricts the credit profile of RRVPNL. However, outstanding receivables have marginally increased from Rs. 2,248.61 crore in FY2023 to Rs. 2,569.37 crore in FY2024. Out of said receivables Rs. 1,612.79 crore were receivable outstanding for less than six months and Rs. 956.66 crore were receivable outstanding for more than six months from the three discoms. The receivable more than six months are realizable as per company.



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#### • High gearing and decline in tangible networth

The overall gearing of the company stood high at 4.67x in FY2024. The company tangible networth has declined Rs. 2607.48 crore in FY2024 from Rs. 3229.41 crore in FY2023 due to retention of losses. RRVPNL has relied on borrowings from banks, financial institutions and government funding to meet any cash flow mismatches.

#### • Highly capital-intensive nature of operations:

By virtue of its business, RRVPNL's operation continues to be capital intensive. In order to maintain operational efficiencies (i.e., replacing old towers and lines and modernization of the existing transmission lines), the company would have to incur regular operational capital expenditure. As a result, increase in term borrowings of the company might impact the overall financial risk profile.

#### Analytical Approach:

**Credit enhancement (CE) rating:** For arriving at the credit enhancement (CE) ratings, IVR has analysed the credit profile of Government of Rajasthan (GoR) provider of irrevocable and unconditional corporate guarantee to the **NCD/Bonds** aggregating to Rs. 1450 crore of RRVPNL's. IVR has analysed RRVPNL's credit profile by considering the standalone financial statements.

**Unsupported Rating**: By considering the standalone financial statements of RRVPNL (without considering the credit enhancement) for bank loan facilities.

#### Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Infrastructure Companies.Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector).Parent & Group SupportPublic FinanceRating Methodology structure-debt-transaction-non securitisation-transactionCriteria for assigning Rating outlook.Policy on Default RecognitionComplexity Level of Rated Instruments/Facilities

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#### Liquidity – Adequate

The company has an adequate liquidity position. There are long-term secured and unsecured borrowings amounting to Rs. 11936.74 crore, as on 31st March 2024. Against a current portion of long-term debt (CPLTD) of Rs 1,381.03 crore in FY2024, the company had a cash accrual of Rs. 2318.10 crore in FY2024. The company projected to generate cash accruals of Rs. 1407.79 crore in FY2025 against a CPLTD of Rs. 1406.27 crore. With the adequate expected cash accruals against repayments, the liquidity position will remain adequate. Also, the comfort can be derived from the fact that the company has been supported by Government of Rajasthan which owns entire shareholding in the company.

#### About the Company

Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (RRVPNL) has been established by Government of Rajasthan under the provisions of the Rajasthan Power Sector Reforms Act, 1999 as the successor company of RSEB (Rajasthan State Electricity Board). The government of Rajasthan constituted the RRVPNL on 19th July 2000. It is a transmission company and procure power generated from Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited and transmit the same to the distribution companies namely, Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (JVVNL), Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (AVVNL)and Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (JDVNL). RRVPNL has been discharging wheeling of power and transmission of electricity.

#### Financials (Standalone):

		(Rs. crore
For the year ended as on	31-03-2023	31-03-2024
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	3643.30	4574.76
EBITDA	2147.39	3030.87
PAT	-56.40	-1418.36
Total Debt	12275.61	12166.74
Tangible Networth	3229.41	2607.48
EBITDA Margin (%)	58.94	66.25
PAT Margin (%)	-1.41	-28.75
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	3.87	4.77
Interest Coverage Ratio (x)	1.86	2.83

#### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable



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#### Rating History for last three years:

Sr.	Type of	Current	Ratings (Year	r 2024-25)	Rating History for the past 3 years			
No.	Instrument/Facilit	Tenur	Amount	Rating	Date(s) &	Date(s) &	Date(s) &	Date(s) &
	У	е	outstandin		Rating(s)	Rating(s)	Rating(s)	Rating(s)
			g (Rs.		assigned	assigned	assigned	assigned
			Crore)		in 2024-25	in 2023-24	in 2022-23	in 2020-
					10 July	12 July	10 Mar	21
					2024	2023	2023	
1.	Fund Based	Long	4888.14	IVR BBB-	IVR BBB-	IVR BBB-	-	-
		Term		/Stable	/Stable	/Stable		
2.	Non-Fund Based	Short	7.00	IVR A3	IVR A3	IVR A3	-	-
		Term						
3.	NCD	Long	541.00	IVR A-	IVR A-	IVR A-	-	-
		Term		(CE)/Stable	(CE)/Stabl	(CE)/Stabl		
					е	е		
4.	Bonds	Long	324.81	IVR A-	IVR A-	IVR A-	-	-
		Term		(CE)/Stable	(CE)/Stabl	(CE)/Stabl		
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Name of Facility	Date of	Coupon	Maturity	Size of	Rating
	Issuance	Rate/ IRR	Date	Facility (Rs. Crore)	Assigned/ Outlook
Cash Credit (CC)	-	-	-	40.00	IVR BBB- /Stable
Term Loan	-	-	September 2031	500.00	IVR BBB- /Stable
Bank Guarantee (BG)	-	-	-	1.00	IVR A3
Letter of Credit (LC)	-	-	-	6.00	IVR A3
Proposed-CC/TL	-	-	-	4348.14	IVR BBB- /Stable
NCD (ISIN: INE572F09202)	05.01.2015	8.65	05.01.2027	222.30	IVR A- (CE)/Stable
NCD (ISIN: INE572F08089)	23.03.2015	8.69	23.03.2027	318.70	IVR A- (CE)/Stable
Bonds (ISIN: INE572F11067)	31.12.2010	Deep Discount	31.12.2024	13.79	IVR A- (CE)/Stable
Bonds (ISIN: INE572F11257)	31.01.2012	Deep Discount	31.01.2025	40.33	IVR A- (CE)/Stable

#### Annexure 1: Details of Facilities:



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Bonds		Deep		36.42	IVR A-
(ISIN:	31.01.2012	Discount	31.01.2026		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11265)					
Bonds		Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:	31.01.2012	Discount	31.01.2027		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11273)				32.88	
Bonds		Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:	31.01.2012	Discount	31.01.2028		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11281)				29.69	
Bonds		Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:	31.01.2012	Discount	31.01.2029		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11299)				26.81	
Bonds		Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:	31.01.2012	Discount	31.01.2030		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11307)				24.20	
Bonds		Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:	14.01.2011	Discount	14.01.2025		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11166)				18.39	
Bonds	14.01.2011	Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:		Discount	14.01.2026		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11174)				16.74	
Bonds	14.01.2011	Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:		Discount	14.01.2027		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11182)				15.24	
Bonds	14.01.2011	Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:		Discount	14.01.2028		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11190)				13.87	
Bonds	14.01.2011	Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:		Discount	14.01.2029		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11208)				12.62	
Bonds		Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:	31.12.2010	Discount	31.12.2025		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11075)				12.55	
Bonds	31.12.2010	Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:		Discount	31.12.2026		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11083)				11.42	
Bonds	31.12.2010	Deep			IVR A-
(ISIN:		Discount	31.12.2027		(CE)/Stable
INE572F11091)				10.40	
Bonds	31.12.2010	Deep	31.12.2028		IVR A-
(ISIN:		Discount	0111212020	9.46	(CE)/Stable

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#### Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details:

https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/Len-Rajasthan-Rajya-Vidut-4oct24.pdf

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument/facilities:

Name of the	e Security/Instrument	Detailed Explanation
Bonds	Financial Covenant	Not Applicable
(Non-	Non-financial Covenant	
Convertible	l.	The guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally
Deep		guarantees timely payment of principal and
Discount		interest on bonds
Bonds)	11.	The Trustee shall, 10 (ten) days prior to each
		Due Date, ascertain whether there are
		adequate funds in the Designated Escrow
		Account to make payments to the Bond
		Holder(s) on the respective Due Dates
Name of the	Security/Instrument	Detailed Explanation
Non-	Financial Covenant	Not Applicable
convertible	Non-financial Covenant	
Debentures	1.	
	1.	The guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally
(NCD)	1.	The guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees timely payment of principal and
(NCD)	1.	<b>o</b> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
(NCD)	н.   .	guarantees timely payment of principal and
(NCD)		guarantees timely payment of principal and interest on bonds
(NCD)		guarantees timely payment of principal and interest on bonds The Trustee shall, 4 (four) days prior to each
(NCD)		guarantees timely payment of principal and interest on bonds The Trustee shall, 4 (four) days prior to each Due Date, ascertain whether there are

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated/combined analysis: Nil Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity and a note thereon is available at <u>www.infomerics.com</u>.