

## POWERGRID Infrastructure Investment Trust (PGInvIT/Trust)

## Q4 FY24 Earnings Conference Call

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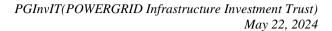
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**Moderator:** 

Ladies and gentlemen, good day and welcome to POWERGRID Infrastructure Investment Trust Q4 and FY24 Earnings Conference Call hosted by ICICI Securities.

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I now hand the conference over to Mr. Mohit Kumar from ICICI Securities. Thank you and over to you, Sir.

**Mohit Kumar:** 

Yes. Thank you, Neha. Good afternoon. On behalf of ICICI Securities, we welcome you all to Q4 FY24 Earnings Call of PGInvIT.

We are privileged to join today with the management team, Shri Abhay Choudhary – Chairman; Shri Purshottam Agarwal, Director; Mr. A Sensarma – Chief Executive Officer; Shri Amit Garg – Chief Financial Officer; and Anjana Luthra ma'am – Company Secretary and Compliance Officer.

We will start with brief opening remarks followed by Q&A. Over to you, Sir.

**Abhay Choudhary:** 

Hello, Good afternoon, everyone. On behalf of POWERGRID Unchahar Transmission Limited, the Investment Manager to PGInvIT, I welcome all participants joining this call amidst the busy result season.

I have with me, Mr. Purshottam Agarwal – Director, PUTL; Mr. Arindam Sensarma – CEO, PUTL; Mr. Amit Garg – CFO, PUTL; and other senior officials.

Today, PGInvIT announced its Financial Results for the Quarter and year ended March 31, 2024 and distribution for the quarter ended March 31, 2024, which have been disclosed on the NSE.



A Presentation on Q4 and FY2024 results of PGInvIT has been uploaded on the website of PGInvIT. In the interest of time, I would be providing a summary of the results instead of going through the presentation.

PGInvIT currently owns 5 SPVs with 100% equity shareholding in one SPV that is VTL and 74% in each of the other four SPVs namely PKATL, PWTL, PPTL and PJTL. The SPVs are operational projects comprising 11 transmission lines with a network of approximately 3699 circuit kilometers and three substations with 6630 MVA transformation capacity. The average remaining life of the transmission service agreements of SPVs is more than 28 years. PGInvIT with a valid proposition of AAA that is Assets, Assurance and Advantage aims to provide consistent, stable and visible returns to its unitholders.

Now coming to the distribution part:

I would like to start from the distribution for the quarter ended March 31, 2024:

We have announced a distribution of Rs. 3 per unit, which would be paid to the unitholders on or before 6th June 2024. With this, we have met the distribution guidance of Rs. 12 per unit for FY24, which was announced at the beginning of the year. This is the 4th distribution by the Trust for Fiscal '24 and the 11th consecutive distribution since our listing in May '21. Including the recently announced distribution, the aggregate distribution of PGInvIT since its listing is more than Rs. 31.39 billion. For Fiscal 2022, an aggregate distribution of Rs. 10.5 per unit was made to the unitholders for the working period of the Trust that is May 30, 2021 to March 31, 2022. This was followed by an aggregate distribution of Rs. 12 per unit for Financial Year '23, which was made to the unitholders.

For Fiscal 2024, an aggregate distribution of Rs. 12 per unit has been declared, taking a total distribution since IPO to Rs. 34.50 per unit for an IPO unit price of Rs. 100. Our distributions including the latest Rs. 3 per unit are in line with our Distribution Policy and SEBI regulations, which stipulate not less than 90% of NDCF to be distributed to unitholders. I would like to reiterate that as



per our Distribution Policy, the distribution shall be declared and made not less than once every quarter.

Now coming to the highlights for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2024:

On the Operations part, our Project Manager ensured that the operation and maintenance of the assets were carried out efficiently and the monthly availability of each of the SPV during the period from April '23 to March '24 was in excess of the target availability. For Financial Year '24, the average availability across SPVs has consistently exceeded 99.75%. However, the data for quarter four FY2024 is currently provisional because we are awaiting the monthly availability certificate from the respective regional power committees for most of the SPVs for the period in January '24 to March '24. In line with our commitment to sustainable operations, we organized various activities such as regular safety pep talks and training programs for our teams. Our consistent and prioritized approach to safe operations has been marked by a quarter of zero accidents.

I would now provide an update on the implementation of Bus reactor at Kala Amb Substation by PKATL under Regulated Tariff Mechanism:

The project has been commissioned on 5th of February 2024. Being an RTM project, its tariff will be decided by the Regulator, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission in accordance with the applicable Tariff Regulations. I would like to bring to your knowledge that one of the SPVs, PPTL has been allotted a project, 'Implementation of one number of 400 kV line bay at Parli' under Regulated Tariff Mechanism. Works are currently under progress and we are committed to commission the same within the specified timeline that is by December 31, 2025. Upon commissioning, this project would be entitled for tariff as decided by the Regulator, CERC, in accordance with applicable Tariff Regulations.

Now coming to Financial Highlights:

During the current Financial Year, the Total Income on a consolidated basis for the year ended March 31, 2024, was about Rs. 13,027.22 million, which



included Rs. 12,653.38 million of Revenue from Operations and Rs. 373.84 million of Other Income. The Other Income is mainly on account of interest earned on the deposits and surcharge income. Total Expenses excluding the reversal of impairment losses for the year at the consolidated level stood at about Rs. 4,616.07 million. The Total Income and Expenses excluding the reversal of impairment losses for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 stood at Rs. 3,266.81 million and Rs. 1,203.9 million respectively. The NDCF calculated at SPV level has been provided along with the consolidated financial results disclosed on the Stock Exchange. The cash flows from SPVs are in the nature of interest income, dividend income, repayment of SPV debt. More than 90% of NDCF of the SPVs has been upstream to PGInvIT by March 31, 2024, aligned with InvIT Regulations and Trust's Distribution Policy. The NDCF of PGInvIT for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 works out to Rs. 2,937.03 million. For financial year 2024, the Trust's NDCF was Rs. 10,977.63 million. We have announced a distribution of Rs. 3 per unit which comprises of interest component of Rs. 1.78, taxable dividend component of Rs. 0.30, exempt dividend component of Rs. 0.15, repayment of SPV debt of Rs. 0.75, and treasury income of Rs. 0.02. For this Fiscal, this takes our aggregate distribution to Rs. 12 per unit. With this distribution, we have paid or announced an aggregate of Rs. 34.5 per unit to our unitholders since our listing in May '21.

As of March 31, 2024, PGInvIT had an external borrowing of Rs. 5,698 million, which was raised from HDFC Bank to part finance the acquisition. The loan, as informed earlier, is a floating rate loan linked to three months Treasury Bill, net debt as a percentage of AUM as of March 31, 2024, works out to about 0.26%, which provides significant headroom for funding future acquisitions entirely through debt. The Trust continues to enjoy highest credit ratings, AAA with stable outlook from all the three rating agencies, namely ICRA Limited, CRISIL Ratings and CARE Ratings. The billed trade receivables as on March 31, 2024 stood at Rs. 1,371.31 million that is equivalent to 40 days of billing.

Coming to the acquisition of balance 26% equity shareholding in 4 SPVs:



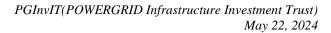
The transaction could not be undertaken during Financial Year '23-24. We shall be approaching the Sponsor again in Financial Year '24-25 for the same.

Now coming to the Outlook part:

While we are keen on evaluating acquisition opportunities from private developers, the availability of operational ISTS transmission assets at this stage is minimal and we expect the same to pick up pace in 12 to 18 months as and when the assets under development gets commissioned and complete their mandatory operational history for acquisition by an InvIT. We are currently in discussions with some States regarding the monetization of the transmission line infrastructure adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Ministry of Power, Government of India. Given the novelty of this process and the sensitivity of the subject, we anticipate that it will take some time before these discussions materialize into tangible outcome; however, we firmly believe that the monetization of power transmission assets by states holds immense potential with operational assets readily available and states in need of funds for developing new transmission infrastructure. This initiative can significantly benefit both the parties involved. We remain steadfast in our belief that PGInvIT is well positioned to leverage in the Government of India's Asset Monetization Program. With ample headroom for acquiring new assets through debt, coupled with our competitive strengths and established reputation as an investment vehicle, PGInvIT stands to gain significantly. A large pool of institutional and non-institutional investors further strengthens our capacity to capitalize opportunities arising from the asset monetization initiative. Further, we are also looking at Sponsor's monetization plan as and when it undertakes monetization through InvIT.

We would like to reiterate that all assets proposed for acquisition will be evaluated for the suitability to PGInvIT on the basis of operational history in accordance with InvIT Regulations, compliances with InvIT Regulations and statutory requirements, PGInvIT's Corporate Governance Framework and keeping in mind the overall interest of unitholders.

Now coming to the distribution guidance:





We expect to make the distribution of Rs. 12 per unit for the Financial Year '24-25 again. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your trust and support in PGInvIT. Thank you and now I would like to hand over to the moderator for further proceedings. Thank you very much.

**Moderator:** Thank you. We will now begin the question and answer session. Anyone who

wishes to ask a question, may press \* and 1 on their touchtone telephone. If you wish to remove yourself from the question queue, you may press \* and 2. Participants are requested to use handsets for asking the questions. Ladies and gentlemen, we will wait for a moment while the question queue assembles. The

first question is from the line of Nidhi Shah from ICICI Securities. Please go

ahead.

Nidhi Shah: Thank you for speaking with us today. My first question is, what is the

distribution guidance for the next year and what are the new opportunities that

you can see in terms of acquiring new assets?

**Abhay Choudhary:** Yes, as I have already addressed, the distribution guidance is Rs. 12 per unit

for the Financial Year '24-25 and as far as the acquisitions of new assets are

concerned, the 26% of the four SPVs which are still in the hands of the Sponsor

- because the last year they have already completed their monetization target,

but we are in touch with the Sponsor and hopefully this financial year we

believe that chances are there that will be taking up these 26% remaining in the

4 SPVs from our Sponsor.

Nidhi Shah: All right and so you mentioned that we're receiving about Rs. 12 a year on

distribution, how long can you hold on to that figure?

**Abhay Choudhary:** This 12 per unit how long we can hold to this figure?

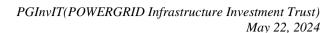
**Nidhi Shah:** Yes. So, do you see any dips in this number, any changes in that?

**Abhay Choudhary:** See, without acquisition or further acquisitions, not more than 2 to 3 years,

future will tell, not very sure, but not within three years without acquisition.

Amit Garg: Just to supplement what the Chairman Sir was saying that presently we have

given the guidance for the Fiscal '24-25. However, you must have gone





through the valuation report, which has been published on the stock exchanges as well as our website that the revenue profile of the assets are such that it is going to dip. So, as Sir mentioned that without new acquisitions this kind of distribution will not be holding up in future. However, for 2024-2025, we are confident that we will be able to make up for Rs. 12 per unit.

Moderator: Thank you. The next question is from the line of Vipulkumar Shah from

Sumangal Investment, please go ahead.

Vipulkumar Shah: Hi Sir, Thanks for the opportunity. So, my question is without any further

acquisition of assets, what type of distribution we can expect 2 or 3 years down

the line?

Abhay Choudhary: Yes, I think our CFO would supplement, please.

**Amit Garg:** Sir, as a policy, we are not giving the guidance beyond one year, so probably

we can talk about it; each year beginning, we are giving the guidance, for the fiscal as we did the last year also and this year also. But it is very evident from the revenue profile that since the revenue will be dipping and expenses will be increasing due to the inflationary pressure, maintaining Rs. 12 will be really difficult. So, we will not put fingers on any figures right now, maybe when we

assemble again for the call beginning Q4 FY25, that point in time we can talk

again for the fiscal '25-26.

**Vipulkumar Shah:** This year's Q4 or call at Q4 of 2025-2026?

**Amit Garg:** No, we are into 2024-2025 and this is the Q4 call for Fiscal '24. In the same

manner in the month of May or June '25, we again will be assembling with the financial results for 2024-2025, at that point in time we will be better

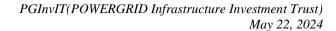
equipped to give you guidance for 2025-2026 fiscal.

**Vipulkumar Shah:** So, the question regarding the balance 26% stake of Sponsor, so why they are

not coming up with any clarity because this question is asked over and over again, so things should be made clear whether they want to divest or not. See,

this question has been put many times and still Sponsor is not giving any reply

that is not fair.





**Abhay Choudhary:** 

No, Sponsor is evaluating this on a yearly basis because they have a monetization program. This year in 2023-2024, their monetization target could be completed without the divestment of this 26%, but we are in touch with them and they have more or less given an indication that in the new financial year, they have a target of monetization and most probably we are having positive signals that this year they may be in a position to divest this 26% also.

Vipulkumar Shah:

So, hypothetically, if POWERGRID divest 26%, what type of debt we will

have to raise to acquire balance 26% stake in remaining SPVs?

**Amit Garg:** 

So, if I understand correctly the kind of debt that you mentioned, meaning the quantum or the mode of raising the debt, the quantum depends upon the valuation and the other stuff which probably we cannot disclose at this point in time; however, for funding whatever quantum has been decided upon, we will be taking a mix of floating and fixed. I mean, we might be hitting the market with some NCD issuances as well, and partly may be through bank loan funding.

**Moderator:** 

Thank you. The next question is from the line of Praveen from ASNL, please go ahead.

**Praveen:** 

Sir, my first question is, is there any valuation report for March '24 available because it is not available on the website?

**Amit Garg:** 

Sir, it is available on National Stock Exchange.

**Praveen:** 

So, since I didn't have a chance to go over it, I will just ask, you have taken gain reversal impairment reversal of Rs. 25.41 crores. So, in the September quarter, the discounting rate was 8.85%, so right now how much it is?

Amit Garg:

8.79.

**Praveen:** 

8.79 and what is the NAV, Sir, right now?

**Amit Garg:** 

It must be 85.28.



**Praveen:** 

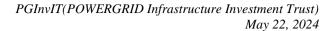
85.28, okay and based on my understanding, this 26% is not going to get any significant improvement as far as cash flow accrual is concerned because the net of the interest payment versus cash accrual will be negligible, so real story will pan out only once we go for additional acquisition of assets and since POWERGRID has decided cash flow monetization, they are not getting into InvIT model. As of now, it seems they are more into direct cash flow hedging of monetization of the assets to cash flow hypothecation. So, do you think in near future we will be able to get any assets from POWERGRID into this InvIT? Or if not, then what are our plans to acquire additional assets because it's quite some time. There are other InvITs, which are there in publicly floated exchanges and you would have seen them, they are getting more and more assets while we are not able to lock-in into any significant assets apart from POWERGRID one, POWERGRID has taken a decision. So, can you throw some light on that?

**Abhay Choudhary:** 

Basically, POWERGRID is a Government Company and as per the NMP guideline, the Ministry has already indicated that we cannot monetize it on the ownership basis. The Government assets won't be monetized on an ownership basis. So, that was the main reason why POWERGRID may not be going into the sale of the assets. First of all, since already 74% we have taken of these assets and balance 26% we will take, but we are also in touch with the Government of India for success of the InvIT, which we have already formed, but still there is a visible growth in the transmission sector because of the target given by the Government of India of sort of adding capacity by 2030 and transmission line and transformers will be added and with that as well as some of the States are also in touch with us for the expansion of their intrastate system and they have shortage of funds, so they are also evaluating this monetization program, which we had with the Sponsor and so I think in the coming year, we are hopeful for 26% acquisition from POWERGRID and maybe after that, we are going with the asset of the States, but we can share that post issuance of Government guidelines on asset monetization to States and some states have really evinced preliminary interest and we have sent our teams to them and it is under discussion.

**Praveen:** 

But this 26% will not yield any much gain. This is what is my understanding.





**Abhay Choudhary:** Significant gain definitely.

**Praveen:** But these guidelines of the Government after this InvIT was floated that we

should not go for the transfer of assets. Is it applicable only for the power sector or it is applicable for the highway sector also because NHAI InvIT is actually

getting more and more assets into InvITs.

**Abhay Choudhary:** No, I don't think they are also doing transfer of assets basis.

Purshottam Agarwal: In case of NHAI assets, they are not transferring the ownership. Their model

is TOT model. Already, they are revenue sharing mechanism. So, our model

PGInvIT model and their model, there is a difference in asset monetization.

**Praveen:** So, can't this model be fine-tuned based on whatever the guidelines because

either Government changes the guideline, or we need to change our model

correct?

Purshottam Agarwal: Yes, you are correct but in case of States, they are free to take decision of their

own either they sell through ownership or with revenue sharing model, so they

are free to take the decision as they wish.

Amit Garg: Just to supplement what Abhayji and Purshottamji was pointing towards too,

is that NHAI is an authority, and their fund goes to the Consolidated Fund of

India and they are exempted by the income tax and GST for many of the issues

while POWERGRID is a Company governed by the Companies Act and does

not enjoy any such exemptions. Now you see that the electricity is a zero rated

supply. So, it is not taxable under the GST and soon as you try to adopt the

NHAI model where in you transfer the rights instead of the assets, it loses the

color of transmission charges, which is exempt and takes the shape of say lease

receivables and that is taxable at the rate of 18%. So, the whole game goes

haywire. I mean, why will anyone take a hit of 18%? And then, obviously, we

as a buyer will not give the value for that 18%, which is going outside. And

why the seller will take a hit? So, that kind of model has many challenges,

which require solution before it can be put on the ground for implementation.

**Praveen:** So, basically NHAI model, I understand, the model is different, I can

understand that. But then since Government has come with these guidelines,



after the floatation of InvIT, it seems that we will have to go with some other models which private, like India Grid and all are doing acquiring solar assets and things like that. One has to think in those lines because we as an investor come from a background wherein we want a sustained income, it's a quasi-hybrid equity model wherein we want certain and we are afraid that after 2-3 years unless and until there is a growth in the assets, the payout will significantly reduce because NAV is Rs. 86, we are paying much more than that so it will come down significantly.

**Amit Garg:** 

You are 100% right Sir, there is no denying the fact that this will be the situation if no further acquisitions are made. However, having said that, kindly also acknowledge the fact that you are entering into a new sector. You mentioned solar. So, we are not a solar expert, so entering into a new sector brings its own set of risks. So, let us wait for some time. We are hopeful that something material happens as far as the transmission in the State sector goes. So, with folded hands, we can only request to keep faith in PGInvIT and let us be together for some more time to see how the things are unfolding in the year or two to come.

**Praveen:** 

No, definitely Sir. We have full trust on you and full faith on the management and we believe that something will happen. It is only you can understand the anxiety of the investors. Right now you are getting Rs. 12 a year and subsequently after 2 years it significantly falls and your weighted average comes significantly down. It becomes a bit of a disaster. So, I am sure that you guys would be eased of situation and would be taking necessary corrective action sooner the better. So, we eagerly hope and this 26% is okay. It happens or doesn't happen doesn't matter much. But acquiring additional asset is a significant thing which we look forward.

**Moderator:** 

Thank you. The next question is from the line of Arun Kharbanda from ABDS Capital. Please go ahead.

**Arun Kharbanda:** 

So, if we get this 26% done with POWERGRID, what is the likely increment to the NDCF that will happen?



**Amit Garg:** 

Sir, there will not be any significant bump up, as you can see from our distribution that this quarter we declared Rs. 3 per unit distribution and out of that Rs. 3, the taxable dividend component was 30 paisa, so almost 10%. Now you realize the fact that this dividend, this 30 paisa dividend, which is currently flowing to PGInvIT is for 74% holding in the 4 SPVs. What will happen, that the balance 26% will also start accruing to PGInvIT in the form of dividend if we take the balance 26% stake. However, having said that, we have to take either the additional loan to fund this acquisition, and that loan will have to be serviced. There will be interest cost attached to it, and there will be capital repayments, loan repayments to be done to the financer. So, all in all, financially, there will not be any gains. It is only from the control perspective that you will be the 100% owner of those four SPVs, but in financial term, there won't be any significant gains, Sir.

**Arun Kharbanda:** 

So, logically, would it not make sense to practically abandon this particular plan and try and get a new asset where at least you can get some advantage from a generation of income perspective?

**Amit Garg**:

No Sir, actually we are bound by the share purchase agreement which was entered way back in 2021. So, as per which we are bound to acquire those balance 26% stake. And it is always good to have the 100% pie with you then share it with anyone. So, even if there is no significant uptick, it will make logic for us to acquire balance 26%. However, having said that you are very correct that the uptick in a significant manner can happen only when the fresh assets are acquired, not before that.

**Abhay Choudhary:** 

Further I would supplement to this that if we acquire 100%, in these four SPVs some future additions in the form of RTM projects may be coming in the near future. So, in that like what happened in PPTL and Kala Amb, so there will be some revenues coming from that. I think we are trying both, first this 26% and then the addition of new assets.

**Moderator**:

Thank you. The next question is from the line of Vipulkumar Shah from Sumangal Investment. Please go ahead.



**Vipulkumar Shah:** 

So, my question is regarding contingency plans for increasing the net distribution and acquiring new assets. Unfortunately, these questions are asked by many participants in every call and management doesn't seem to have any plans. So, what is my request is when next quarter results are announced and conference call is held, there should be some concrete plan put before investors that how we want to acquire new assets or are we going to some new areas of business, some clarity will be really very helpful. Thank you, Sir.

**Abhay Choudhary:** 

Yes, fine. In the next quarter, we have already intimated that first we will be going with POWERGRID for acquisition of balance 26%. And then we are in talk with the States. Acquisition from the state transmission is not going to take place in a very short time, but definitely, we are hoping that. In 2 states we are already in talk. They will have to take a cabinet approval. But I hope that by the end of this financial year, we will have some plans for future.

Vipulkumar Shah:

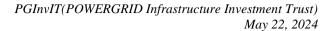
No, my request is at least you put some concrete plan when the next quarter's conference call is held because investors are very nervous. You must appreciate that the unit price had reached 140 at one point and now it is hovering between 95 and 100 and it will likely drop further if there is no further acquisition of assets. It is very clear. Thank you very much, Sir, and I hope you will take our suggestion seriously.

**Moderator**:

Thank you. The next question is from the line of Pradeep Sridhar, an individual investor. Please go ahead.

**Pradeep Sridhar:** 

Hi Sir, Congrats on the results. I have just one question. So, thanks for explaining the 26% and then also how we are looking into the state. My suggestion is that it will also be good if we can show a growth pattern like how we are going to build more assets and then increase the quality, something like a plan because today it looks more like very stagnating instead of actually growing. It feels like putting money in an FD that has high risk of going down than going up. So, as an investor, it gives so much anxiety into, what is the plan? Because personally, I am very much believing in PGInvIT and not looking at other InvIT, but many other InvITs are diversifying and then looking into many other streams to go ahead and acquire new assets in solar energy and solar power. So, some kind of growth strategy will be helpful to understand





from an investor perspective what is going to be the medium to long-term outlook of how we are going to grow?

**Abhay Choudhary:** 

Instead of entering into new areas such as generation, we are concentrating on the intra-state transmission sectors and we are in talks with the States. So, as already we have told you and the other investors that first we will be taking up this 26% from POWERGRID and then we will go for the intrastate transmission sector from the States. Before entering a new sector such as generation, because we do not have much experience on these sectors, we find those sectors a bit risky. But still, we have to come up with some plans which we have already told you in this financial year.

**Pradeep Sridhar:** 

Thank you. Definitely, just an idea that we get from other InvITs but whatever you can go to a growth plan that you are going to focus on, that will be very helpful for us to understand what our strategy is and then how we are going to grow basically.

**Moderator:** 

Thank you. The next question is from the line of Amit, an individual investor. Please go ahead.

**Amit:** 

Sir, this is regarding the 26% stake which you talked about. You mentioned that there is a share purchase agreement which you have signed, and you are bound to acquire those stakes. Now the question is, Sir, that since I am assuming that the acquisition should broadly happen at around 11% to 13% IRR and the interest rates are around 8.5%. So, I am trying to understand why will it not accrue any value to us, at least in the NAV terms, it should be significantly NAV accretive.

**Amit Garg:** 

Sir, those are your assumptions. You yourself mentioned that you are assuming certain things. So, whether the assumptions hold good at the final deal time or not is what even you do not know, even we do not know. So, I mean, your assumptions might be too ambitious. Maybe the market does not work that way. So, better to talk at the time, you know when we are closer to the deal. But yes, we will not be able to divulge more than this. Assumptions are assumptions after all.



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**Amit:** Sir, if you can also highlight as to whenever you're looking at other assets apart

from POWERGRID, either the private assets or the state assets, what is the

kind of threshold IRR which you are looking at, below which you will not

acquire any asset?

**Amit Garg:** Ultimately, the objective of acquiring any asset is to give some bump up to the

returns of the unitholder or elongate the life of the consistent return over some

years. So, such hold it is a part of the strategy, probably this is not the right

forum to talk about it. However, the baseline remains that it needs to result into

some kind of value accretion for our unitholders. So, obviously it has to be

somewhere above my cost of debt plus some risk premium. So, yes, broadly.

**Moderator:** Thank you. As there are no further questions, I would now like to hand the

conference over to the management for closing comments.

Abhay Choudhary: Thank you very much ICICI Securities team, Mr. Mohit and his team. And

thanks again to all the participants for attending this call. Participating actively

in PGInvIT's earning calls serves as a valuable source of motivation for us and

we look forward to engaging with our investor community during our analyst

calls. We have outlined PGInvIT's trajectory towards a streamlined business

model emphasizing operational efficiency to improve returns, value added

growth through strategic acquisitions and robust capital structure, all aimed at

delivering consistent, stable and visible returns to our unitholders. Once more,

I extend our appreciation for your trust and support, and we eagerly anticipate

your ongoing confidence in PGInvIT. Thank you very much.

Moderator: Thank you. On behalf of ICICI Securities that concludes this conference.

Thank you for joining us, and you may now disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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