

March 31, 2026

Genus Mewar Smart Metering SPV Private Limited: [ICRA]AA- (Stable) assigned

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action
Long term – Fund based – Term loan*	682.50	[ICRA]AA- (Stable); assigned
Long term – Fund based – Bank guarantee*	110.50	[ICRA]AA- (Stable); assigned
Total	793.00	

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure I; * Proposed limits

Rationale

The assigned rating for Genus Mewar Smart Metering SPV Private Limited (GMSMSPL) factors in the availability of a long-term contract with Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (AVVNL) for installing and operating advanced metering infrastructure (AMI). The company is responsible for installing 23,91,932 smart meters along with the associated infrastructure within 27 months of signing the contract i.e., February 2027. As per the contract, the company will receive fixed monthly service charges for the operational meters through the operating period of 93 months, subject to meeting the stipulated operating parameters, thereby providing long-term revenue visibility. The company would also receive a lumpsum payment, after achieving the operational go-live for the smart meters. ICRA notes there has been satisfactory progress in the installation of meters with ~23% of the meters installed (5,48,418 meters) as of February 2026. Further, 75,000 smart meters have achieved the operational go-live status, post the site acceptance tests as of March 2026.

The rating also factors in the availability of a fixed EPC and O&M contract with Genus Power Infrastructures Limited (GPIL/Genus), thereby mitigating the cost variation risk for the project. The company will avail a long-term fund-based term loan facility to fund the capex for the smart meters. ICRA expects the company to maintain adequate debt coverage metrics on the proposed term loan facility.

The rating also considers the superior financial flexibility offered by its strong sponsors and the experienced management team. Gem View Investments Pte Ltd (GVIPL), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GIC Infra Holdings Pte Ltd (GIH), and Genus Power Infrastructures Limited (GPIL) have set up Gemstar Infra Pte Ltd (GIPL), a platform for implanting smart metering projects across India. GVIPL holds a 74% stake, while GPIL holds 26% in GIPL. At present, GMSMSPL is a subsidiary of Genus Metering Communication Private Limited (GMCPL), which is 100% owned by GPIL. The Group is in process of transferring 100% equity ownership of GMCPL to GIPL, post the necessary regulatory approvals. However, as per the joint venture (JV) agreement between GVIPL and GPIL, GIPL is the sponsor for GMSMSPL and controls all the management rights and it shall also be responsible for the infusion of equity funds and arranging the debt fund requirement of the project. Further, GVIPL controls all the management rights with majority board representation in GIPL. ICRA expects the sponsors to provide the necessary funding support to GMSMSPL, on a need basis.

The rating is constrained by project execution risk, given that ~77% of the meters are yet to be installed as of February 2026. Nevertheless, the installation activity has picked up pace in the recent months. As per the contract, there are milestones identified under which liquidated damages (LDs) are applicable and any delays pursuant to those milestones for reasons attributable to the company would attract LDs from AVVNL. Nevertheless, the company is contractually protected against any LDs imposed by AVVNL through a back-to-back arrangement with the EPC contractor, GPIL. However, meters not installed at the end of the execution period due to non-availability of access to the site or other issues attributable to AVVNL would be descope and the debt would not be drawn for these meters.

The rating is further constrained by presence of a single counterparty (AVVNL), which exposes GMSMSPL to credit risk. ICRA notes that the project has a direct debit facility (DDF) wherein the online payments made by the consumers of AVVNL will be deposited into the DDF and shall be first used to clear the payments to GMSMSPL; thereafter, the funds will flow to AVVNL. However, the payment track record, as per the DDF mechanism, is yet to be established. Therefore, a timely realisation of the payments against invoices will remain a key monitorable, going forward. This apart, the company's ability to demonstrate compliance with the service level thresholds (SLA), as per the contract, related to meter availability, data collection, among others, remains a key monitorable, given that there are provisions for penalty in case of underperformance against these SLAs.

The Stable outlook on the rating derives comfort from the progress in project execution so far and ICRA's opinion that the company will benefit from its long-term contract with AVVNL as an advanced metering infrastructure service provider (AMISP). Further, ICRA expects the payment track record from AVVNL to GMSMSPL to be satisfactory, going forward.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Comfort drawn from strong sponsor profile and experienced management team – GMSMSPL is a subsidiary of GMCPL, which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GPIL. As per the JV agreement between GVIPL and GPIL, GPIL is the sponsor for GMCPL. Further, GVIPL controls all the management rights with majority board representation in GPIL. Genus has an established track record in the electricity metering industry and is among the top players in India's smart metering solutions industry, with multiple successful project executions under the AMISP model. Hence, the rating factors in the superior sponsors and the experienced management team of the platform. ICRA expects the sponsors to provide the necessary funding support to GMSMSPL, if required.

Long-term AMISP contract provides revenue visibility– GMSMSPL has signed a long-term contract with AVVNL for installing and operating 23,91,932 smart meters along with the associated infrastructure. The contract tenure includes an installation period of 27 months for all the meters and operating period of 93 months for each meter. As of February 2026, the company had installed ~23% of the meters (5,48,418 meters). Further, 75,000 smart meters have achieved the go-live status, post the site acceptance tests as of March 2026, thereby providing long-term revenue visibility for the company.

Credit challenges

Project execution risk– The company is exposed to project execution risk, given that ~77% of the meters are yet to be installed as of March 2026. The execution risk can mainly arise due to inability to access the identified sites for meter installation. Nevertheless, the installation activity has picked up pace in recent months. Moreover, the meters not installed at the end of the execution period due to inability to access the site or other issues attributable to AVVNL would be descoped and the debt would not be drawn for these meters.

Track record of DDF arrangement remains to be seen – The company achieved the operational go-live status for 75,000 smart meters in March 2026. The project has a DDF facility, wherein online payments made by the consumers of AVVNL will be deposited in the DDF and shall be first used to clear the payments to GMSMSPL; thereafter, the funds will flow to AVVNL. The utility must ensure at least five times cover on the monthly service charges payable to GMSMSPL in the DDF account. However, the payment track record as per the DDF mechanism is yet to be established. Hence, a timely realisation of the payments against the invoices will remain a key monitorable, going forward. Further, ICRA expects the sponsors to provide the necessary funding support to GMSMSPL, if required.

Compliance with service level agreement requirements – As per the contract, the company must meet the stipulated SLAs related to meter availability and data collection, among others, for the operational meters. In case of non-compliance with the SLAs, penalties will be imposed on the company. As the company commenced servicing recently, there is limited performance track record, and no penalties have been levied so far. Moreover, the company is contractually protected against any SLA-related penalties imposed by AVVNL through a back-to-back arrangement with the EPC contractor, GPIL. Any sustained underperformance of the operating parameters may adversely impact the profitability and will remain a key rating sensitivity.

Liquidity position: Adequate

The company's liquidity is expected to remain adequate, supported by equity infusions from the sponsor and the envisaged debt financing for funding the capital expenditure required to complete the smart metering installation. Further, the company is expected to receive monthly service charges for the operational meters. The one-time lumpsum payments for the operationalised meters shall be used to meet the capital expenditure requirements of the project. Also, the liquidity is supported by the funding support available from the strong sponsors, on a need basis.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – A timely progress in smart meter installation and the commissioning the project and meeting the stipulated operating parameters under the AMISP contract after the go-live will be key monitorable for an upgrade. Also, a sustained track record of timely recovery of lumpsum payments and monthly service charges, in line with DDF arrangement will be the key monitorable for an upgrade.

Negative factors – Lower-than-estimated debt coverage metrics owing to significant delays in installation of meters, underperformance on the SLA parameters and/or delays in the receivable cycle weakening the liquidity position could result in a downgrade. Any adverse change in its linkages with sponsors can also weigh on the rating.

Analytical approach

Analytical approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology
Parent/Group support	Not Applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

GMSMSPL is a project SPV incorporated by GMCPL, which is 100% owned by GPIL. As per the JV agreement between GVIPL and GPIL, GPIL is the sponsor for GMSMSPL and controls all the management rights. GMSMSPL is the AMISP for the implementation of smart metering project in Udaipur Zone (TN-60) of Rajasthan. The company signed the AMISP contract with AVVNL in November 2024 for a contract period of 120 months, including the 27 months to complete the meter installation milestone. The total number of meters to be installed under the project is 23,91,932.

Key financial indicators (Audited)

Not meaningful as project is under implementation

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Current year (FY2026)			Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years					
	Type	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Mar 31, 2026	FY2025		FY2024		FY2023	
				Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating
Term Loan*	Long Term	682.50	[ICRA]AA-(Stable)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Guarantee*	Long Term	110.50	[ICRA]AA-(Stable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Proposed limits

Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Long-term – Fund-based – Term Loan	Simple
Long-term – Fund-based – Bank Guarantee	Simple

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Annexure I: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument name	Date of issuance	Coupon rate	Maturity	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating and outlook
NA	Term Loan*	NA	NA	NA	682.50	[ICRA]AA-(Stable)
NA	Bank Guarantee*	NA	NA	NA	110.50	[ICRA]AA-(Stable)

Source: Company; * Proposed Limits; debt yet to be sanctioned

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis – Not Applicable

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