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County of Hennepin v. Laechelt

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County brought quick-take eminent domain action to acquire temporary and permanent easements from multiple landowners.

After commissioner awarded landowner compensation, county appealed for a trial de novo, and filed motion in limine to preclude any evidence regarding construction-related interference that occurred after the date of the taking.

The District Court denied the motion, and, following jury trial, entered judgment awarding compensation and denied county's motion for new trial. County appealed, and the Court of Appeals affirmed. The Supreme Court granted county's petition for further review.

The Supreme Court held that evidence of construction-related interference, occurring after date of taking, that decreased the market value of the remainder property was admissible.

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