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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ORANGE

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COUNTY OF ORANGE,

Petitioner,

-against -

MONROE BAKERTOWN ROAD REALTY,

Claimant/Respondent,

VILLAGE OF KIRYAS JOEL,

Intervenor.

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LaCAVA, J.

The following papers numbered 1 to 17 were considered in
connection with this motion by intervenor Village of Kiryas Joel
(Village) for an Order striking claimant's appraisals, by
petitioner/condemnor County of Orange (County) for the same
relief, and by claimant Monroe Bakertown Road Realty, Inc.,
(claimant or Monroe) for an Order granting the same relief as to
the County's appraisals:

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This is a condemnation action pursuant to EDPL Article 5, seeking to challenge the proposed compensation offered by the County for the taking from Monroe, dated February 28, 2006. Claimant filed a claim for compensation following the taking, and, subsequent to the taking, the parties consented to the intervention herein by the Village.

The parties now, prior to trial, seek to strike each other's appraisals. This Court has a long practice, except in the most egregious circumstances, of deferring decisions on motions to strike appraisals to the conclusion of testimony at trial. (See *Metro North Railroad v. Washed Aggregate*, Supreme Court, Dutchess County, LaCava, J., April 14, 2008 [Bench Decision]; *Central Hudson Electric and Gas v. Town of Newburgh*, Supreme Court, Orange County, LaCava, J., March 2, 2007; *c.f. Johnson v. Kelly*, 11 Misc. 3d 1081 [Supreme Court, Orange County, 2006] *aff'd* 45 A.D.3d 687 [2d Dept. 2007]; *SKM Enterprises v. Town of Monroe*, 2 Misc. 3d 1004[A], [Supreme Court, Orange County, 2004].) In particular, prior to hearing testimony from the experts retained by the parties, it is difficult for the Court to assess any proponent's compliance, or lack of same, with Rule of Court (22 NYCRR) 202.59 relating to the preparation of trial appraisals.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the motions to strike appraisals are held in abeyance, to be renewed at the time of trial, and are in all other respects denied.

The foregoing constitutes the Opinion, Decision, and Order of the Court.

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