What is the Broadcaster Retransmission Fee within the Taxes & Fee(s) section of my bill?

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The Broadcaster Retransmission Fee covers a portion of the total fee Cable and Satellite providers must pay to broadcasters to retransmit local television broadcast signals and is listed as a separate itemized charge on your bill. Costs related to local broadcasters have grown dramatically year over year, and are one of the key drivers for increased programming fees. This is not a FCC mandated or required fee.